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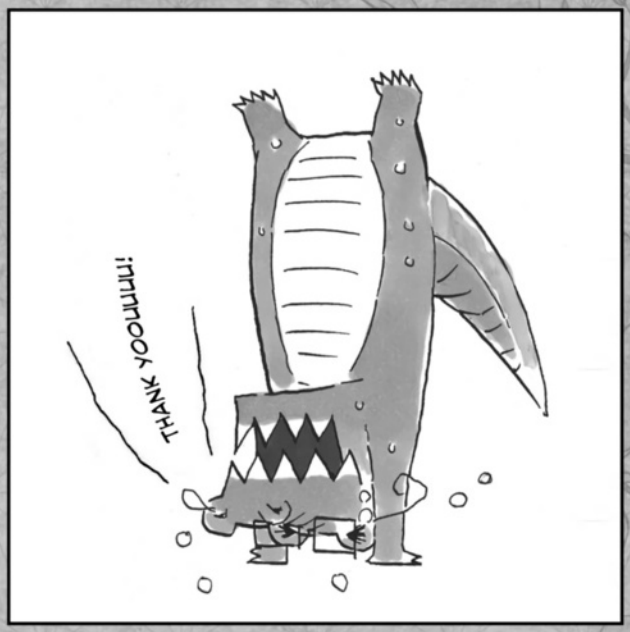

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I did it! I'm Gotouge. I got comments from Togashi Sensei on the *obi*!* It's like a dream! My stomach hurts! Thank you very much to Togashi Sensei, everyone rooting for me, and everyone who helps out. I'll work as hard as I can!

*The *obi* is a paper band found on Japanese books.

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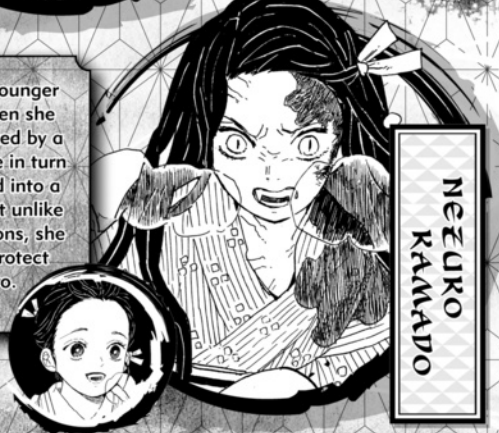
CHARACTERS

Tanjiro Kamado

A kind boy who saved his sister when the rest of his family was killed. Now he seeks revenge. He can smell the scent of demons and his opponents' weaknesses.

Nezuko Kamado



Tanjiro's younger sister. When she was attacked by a demon, she in turn was turned into a demon, but unlike other demons, she tries to protect Tanjiro.

Sakonji Urokodaki

A trainer in the Demon Slayer Corps and Tanjiro's master.

Zenitsu Agatsuma

He participated in the Final Selection at the same time as Tanjiro. He's usually cowardly, but when he falls asleep, his true power comes out.

Inosuke Hashibira

He participated in the Final Selection at the same time as Tanjiro. He wears the pelt of a wild boar and is very belligerent.

Muzan Kibutsuji

Kibutsuji turned Nezuko into a demon. He is Tanjiro's enemy and hides his nature in order to live among humans.

Yushiro

Tamayo

Demons who want to kill Kibutsuji and are helping to find a way to make Nezuko human again.

Kibutsuji's Curse

When a demon speaks Kibutsuji's name, Kibutsuji's cells remaining within that demon's body destroy its flesh.

The Twelve Kizuki

They are directly subordinate to Kibutsuji and have numbers engraved on their eyeballs.

STORY

In Taisho-era Japan, young Tanjiro makes a living selling charcoal. One day, demons kill his family and turn his younger sister Nezuko into a demon. Tanjiro and Nezuko set out to find a way to return Nezuko to human form and defeat Kibutsuji, the demon who killed their family! Having finished training with Urokodaki and completing Final Selection for the Demon Slayer Corps, Tanjiro accepts a mission and brings Nezuko with him. During the mission, Tanjiro encounters his most hated enemy, Kibutsuji, but the demon escapes. Then Tanjiro meets Tamayo and Yushiro, who are demons but also want to kill Kibutsuji. They provide Tanjiro with a clue as to how Nezuko may return to being human. Later, he bumps into Zenitsu Agatsuma, whom he first met during the Final Selection, then heads out on his next mission. Tanjiro defeats a demon who wields a tsuzumi drum, and then finds Zenitsu under attack by a boy wearing a wild boar's hide!

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ROBUST BLADE

PEOPLE THOUGHT IT WAS CREEPY THAT I KNEW WHAT THEY'D SAID WHILE I WAS ASLEEP.
TANJIRO MUST HAVE WON.
THE SOUND OF THE DEMON HAS DISAP-PEARED.
I'VE ALWAYS ...
...HAD VERY GOOD HEARING.
I CAN HEAR TANJIRO AND THE OTHERS... AND SOME KIND OF STRANGE, NOISY FOOTFALLS...

CHAPTER 26: BAREHANDED FIGHT

ZENITSU!
...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
THE FORCE FROM THE ROOMS CHANGING TOSSED YOU OUTSIDE!
YOU FELL FROM THE SECOND-FLOOR WINDOW!
OH, REALLY?
YOU PROTECTED ME, SO I'M FINE, BUT...
HA HA HA!
THAT'S GOOD.
SWIP
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
BLOOD
WAIT! DID I FALL ON MY HEAD?!
YES ...

KRAK
BOAR RUSH! BOAR RUSH!
I REMEMBER THAT VOICE!
WAH! OH NO!
I SENSE A DEMON!
AH HA HA HA HA HA!
AT FINAL SELECTION, HE WAS THE FIRST TO CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN AND THE FIRST TO DESCEND! HE'S A REAL HOTHEAD!
THAT'S THE FIFTH SURVIV-OR!

AHA! I'VE FOUND IT!
!!
WHAM!
STOP!

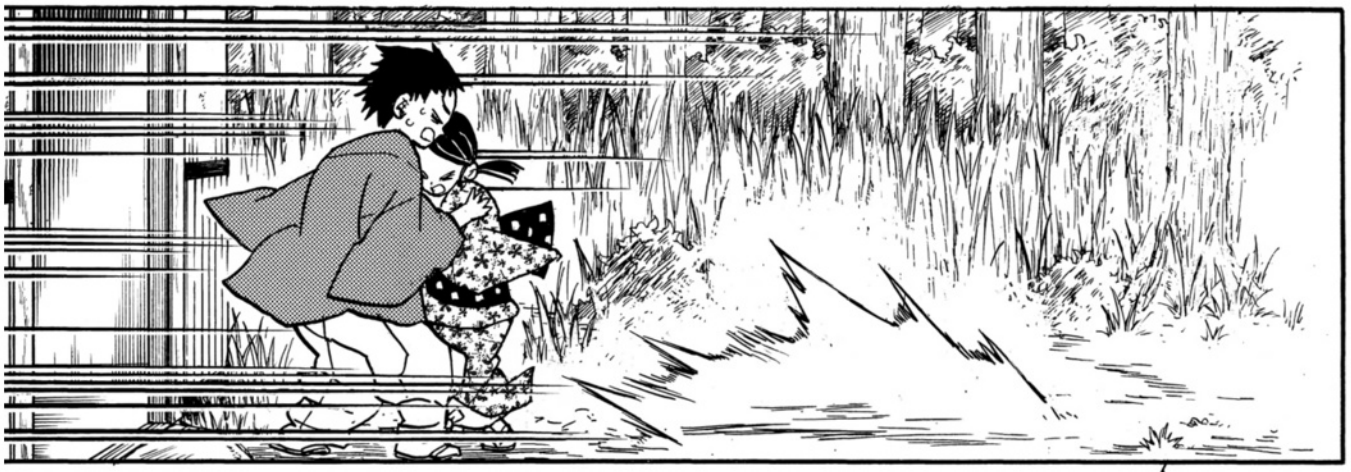
HEY, HEY, HEY... WHAT'RE YOU SAYING?!
THERE'S A DEMON IN THERE! DON'T YOU KNOW THAT?!
I WON'T LET YOU TOUCH THIS BOX!
IT'S IMPOR-TANT TO TANJIRO!
OF COURSE! I KNEW THAT FROM THE START!
I KNEW HE WAS WITH A DEMON!
DEMONS AND HUMANS MAKE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT SOUNDS.
BUT ...

...A SOUND LIKE HE WAS ON THE VERGE OF TEARS.
...TANJIRO WAS MAKING ANOTHER SOUND...
THEY SPEAK VOLUMES ABOUT A PERSON.
LIVING CREATURES MAKE LOTS OF SOUNDS.
...SO FULL OF KIND-NESS.
IN ALL MY LIFE I'VE NEVER HEARD A SOUND THAT WAS...
WHEN I LISTEN CAREFULLY, THOSE SOUNDS OFTEN TELL ME WHAT A PERSON IS THINKING.
THE SOUND OF BREATHING... THE SOUND OF THE HEART... THE SOUND OF BLOOD CIRCULATING ...

...PEOPLE THAT I WANT TO TRUST.
I'VE ALWAYS TRUSTED ...
BUT PEOPLE CAN DECEIVE ME.
AND I PLAN ...
I TRUST THAT IT'S A WORTH-WHILE REASON.
THERE MUST BE A REASON FOR THAT!
TANJIRO IS IN THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS, BUT HE IS WITH A DEMON.
UNTIL THEN...
...YOU BETTER BACK OFF!
...TO ASK TANJIRO ABOUT IT DIRECTLY.

BOOT
...THEN SHOW ME HOW YOU FIGHT!
FOOL! YOU TALK TOUGH, BUT YOU DIDN'T DRAW YOUR BLADE!
IF YOU'RE IN THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS TOO...

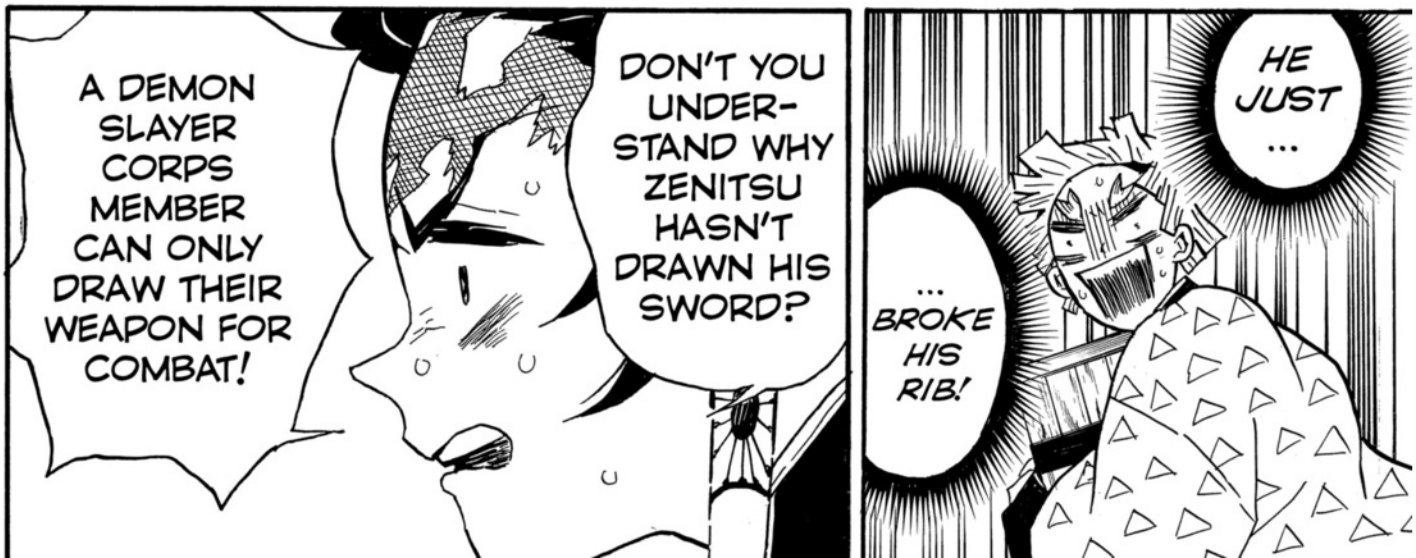
I'LL SKEWER YOU ALONG WITH THAT BOX!

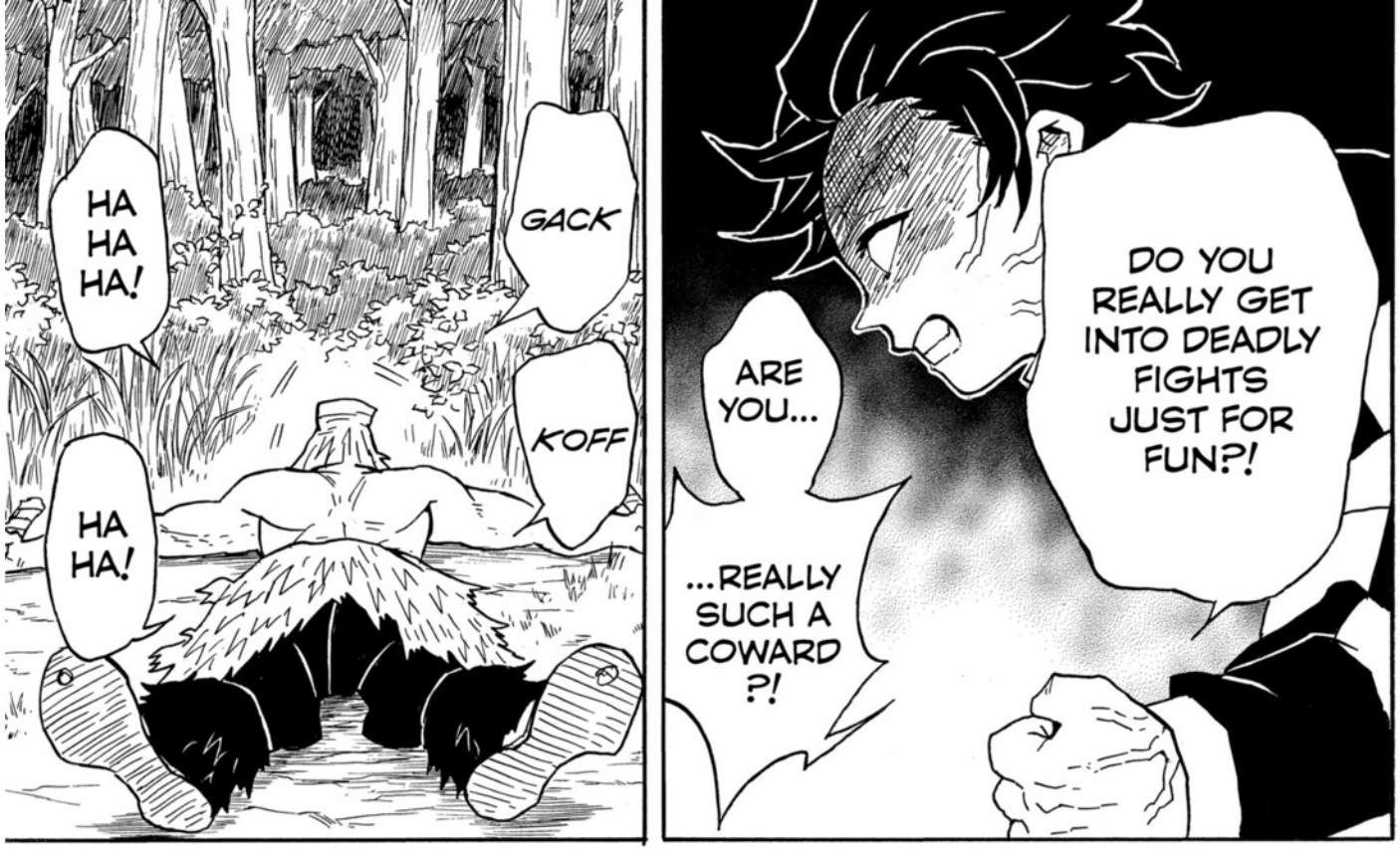


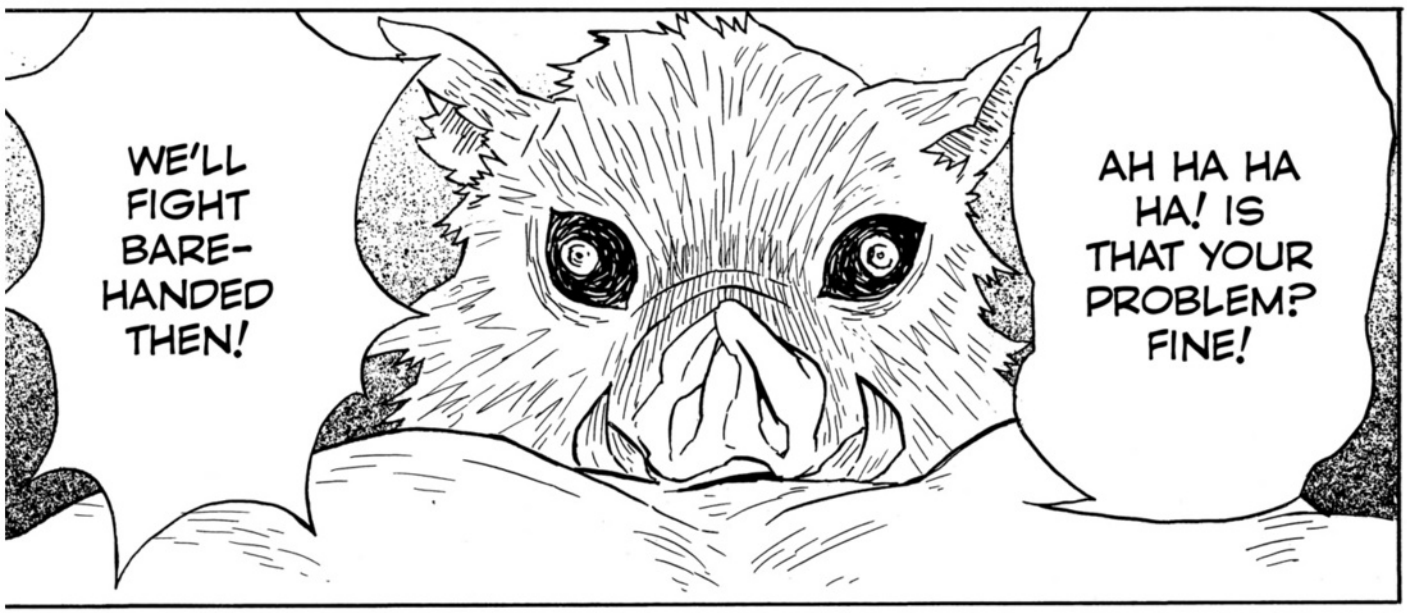
STOP!

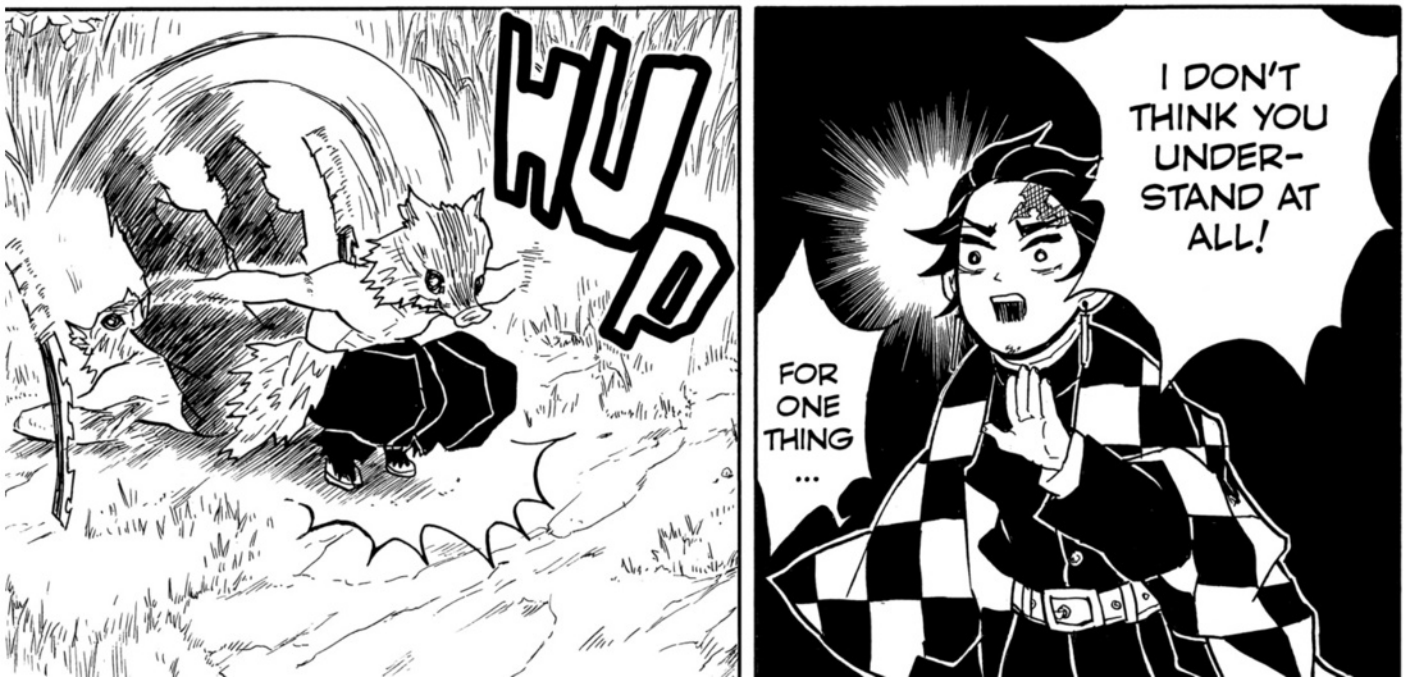
WH
AM

WHOO
AREN'T YOU IN THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS?!


A DEMON SLAYER CORPS MEMBER CAN ONLY DRAW THEIR WEAPON FOR COMBAT!
DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND WHY ZENITSU HASN'T DRAWN HIS SWORD?
HE JUST ...
... BROKE HIS RIB!


DO YOU REALLY GET INTO DEADLY FIGHTS JUST FOR FUN?!
ARE YOU...
...REALLY SUCH A COWARD?!
GACK
KOFF
HA HA HA!
HA HA!


AH HA HA HA! IS THAT YOUR PROBLEM? FINE!
WE'LL FIGHT BARE-HANDED THEN!


I DON'T THINK YOU UNDER-STAND AT ALL!
FOR ONE THING ...
HUP

IT'S WRONG FOR MEMBERS OF THE CORPS TO FIGHT EACH OTHER AT ALL!
IT DOESN'T *MATTER* IF IT'S BARE-HANDED!
SWII
SSH

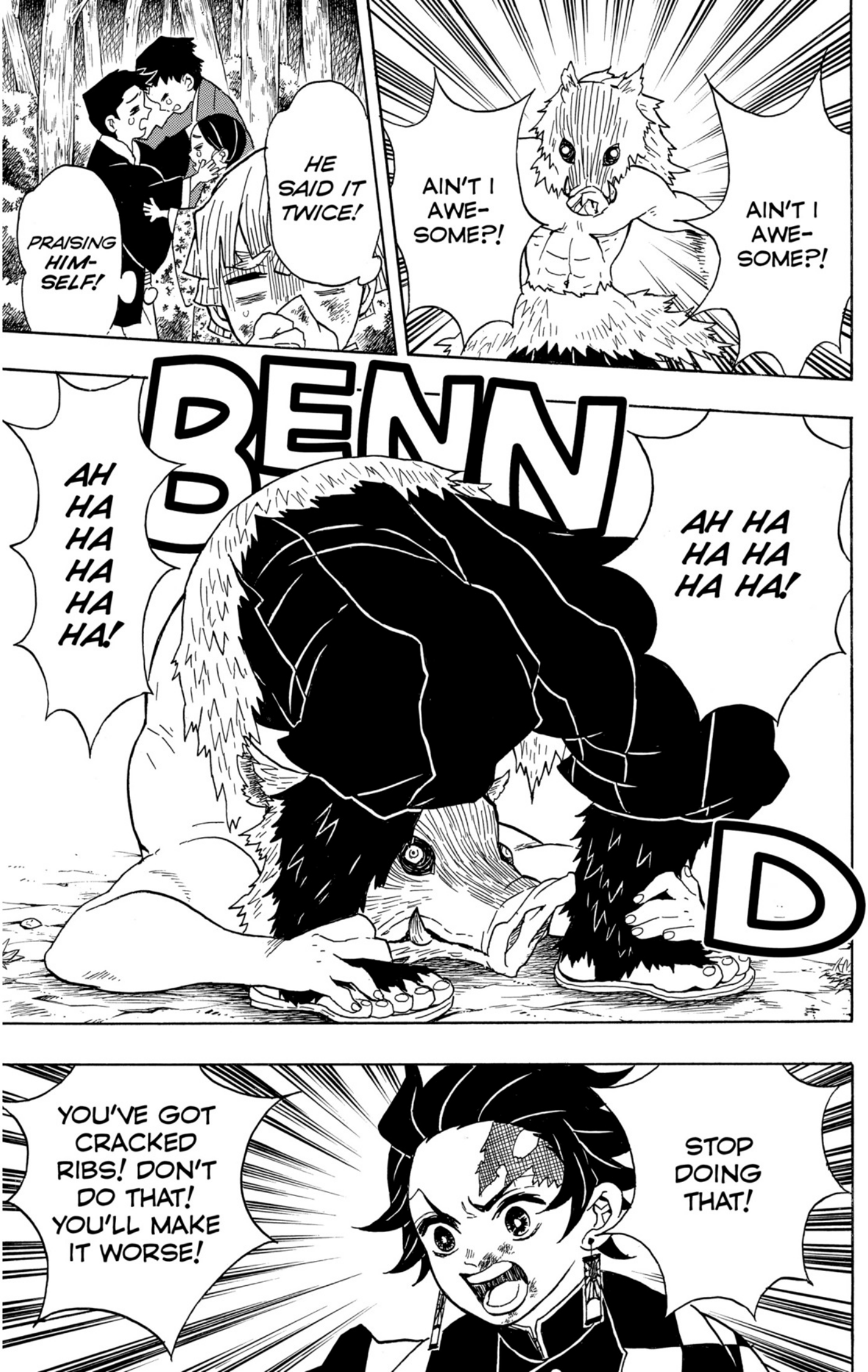
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
WHOA! WHAT KIND OF MOVE WAS THAT? EVEN AFTER TANJIRO BROKE HIS RIB...!
AND NOW...
...HASN'T TANJIRO BROKEN THE CODE TOO?
HE BROKE THAT KID'S RIB!
WHAM
HIS ATTACKS ARE UNUSUALLY LOW!
THIS IS...
...JUST LIKE...
...JUST LIKE...

GRRR...
FIGHTING A FOUR-LEGGED BEAST!
AIM LOW!
EVEN LOWER...
FWSHH

...THAN HE IS!

WHOOK

FLIP
THE FLEXI-BILITY OF HIS JOINTS ...
... IT'S IN-HUMAN!


PRAISING HIM-SELF!
HE SAID IT TWICE!
AIN'T I AWE-SOME?!
AIN'T I AWE-SOME?!
BENN
D
AH HA HA HA HA HA!
AH HA HA HA HA HA!
YOU'VE GOT CRACKED RIBS! DON'T DO THAT! YOU'LL MAKE IT WORSE!
STOP DOING THAT!

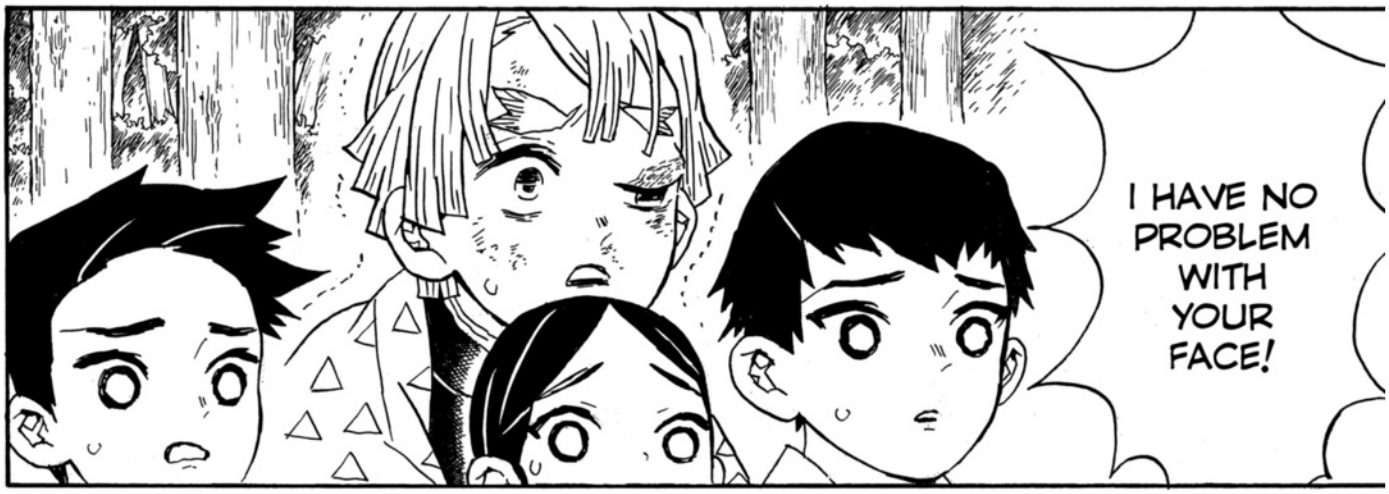
JUST CALM DOWN!
HWSH
ALL THAT MATTERS IS THE PLEASURE OF THIS MOMENT!
WHSH
THEN IT'LL BE WORSE!
KRAK
THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE TOO!
DID TANJIRO SPLIT HIS SKULL?!
WAAAH!! THAT SOUND!

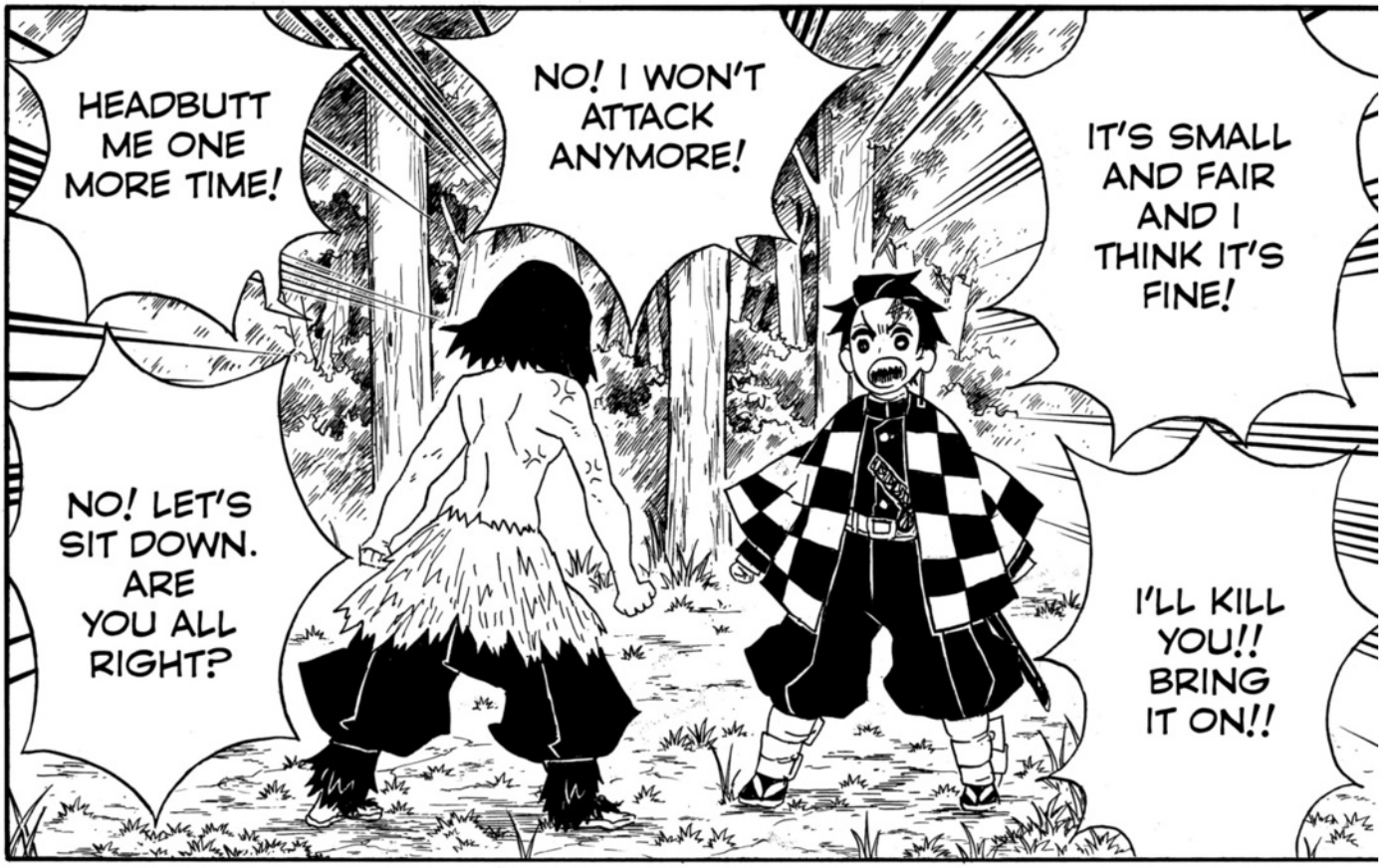
A GIRL?!
HUH?!
THAT FACE...
?!
SHUFF
TWSH
KRAK

WHAT?
YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH MY FACE?

TA-DAAH
Yaieee!
Inosuke
Jujutsu

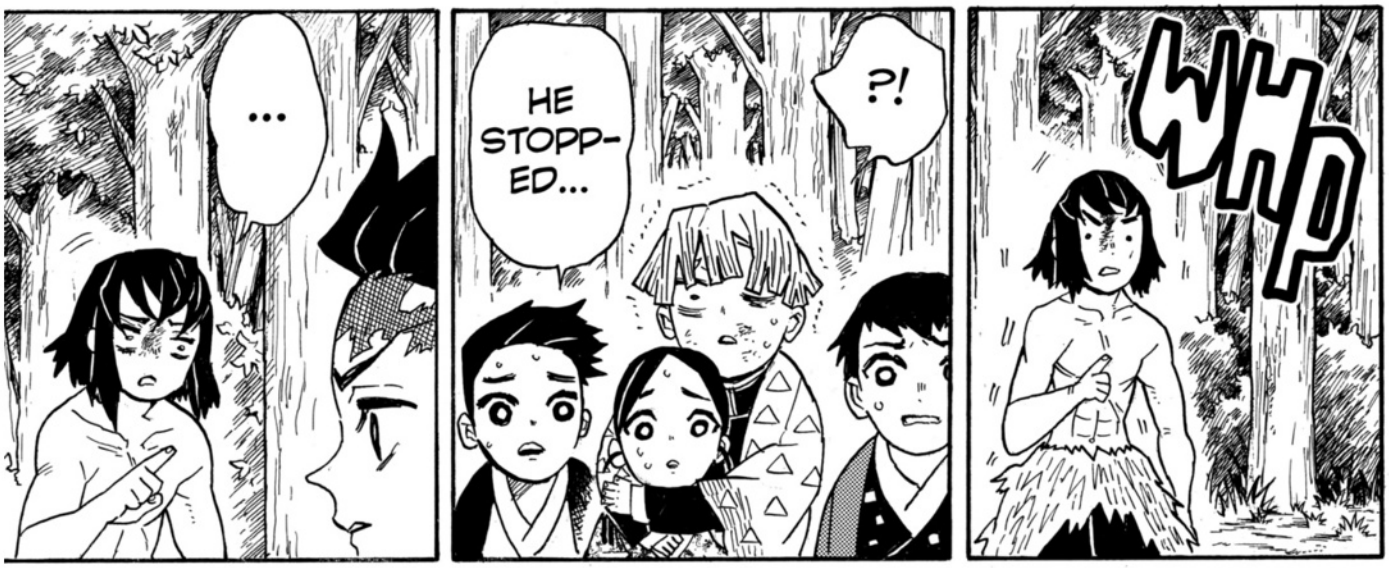
CHAPTER 27: INOSUKE HASHIBIRA


I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH YOUR FACE!

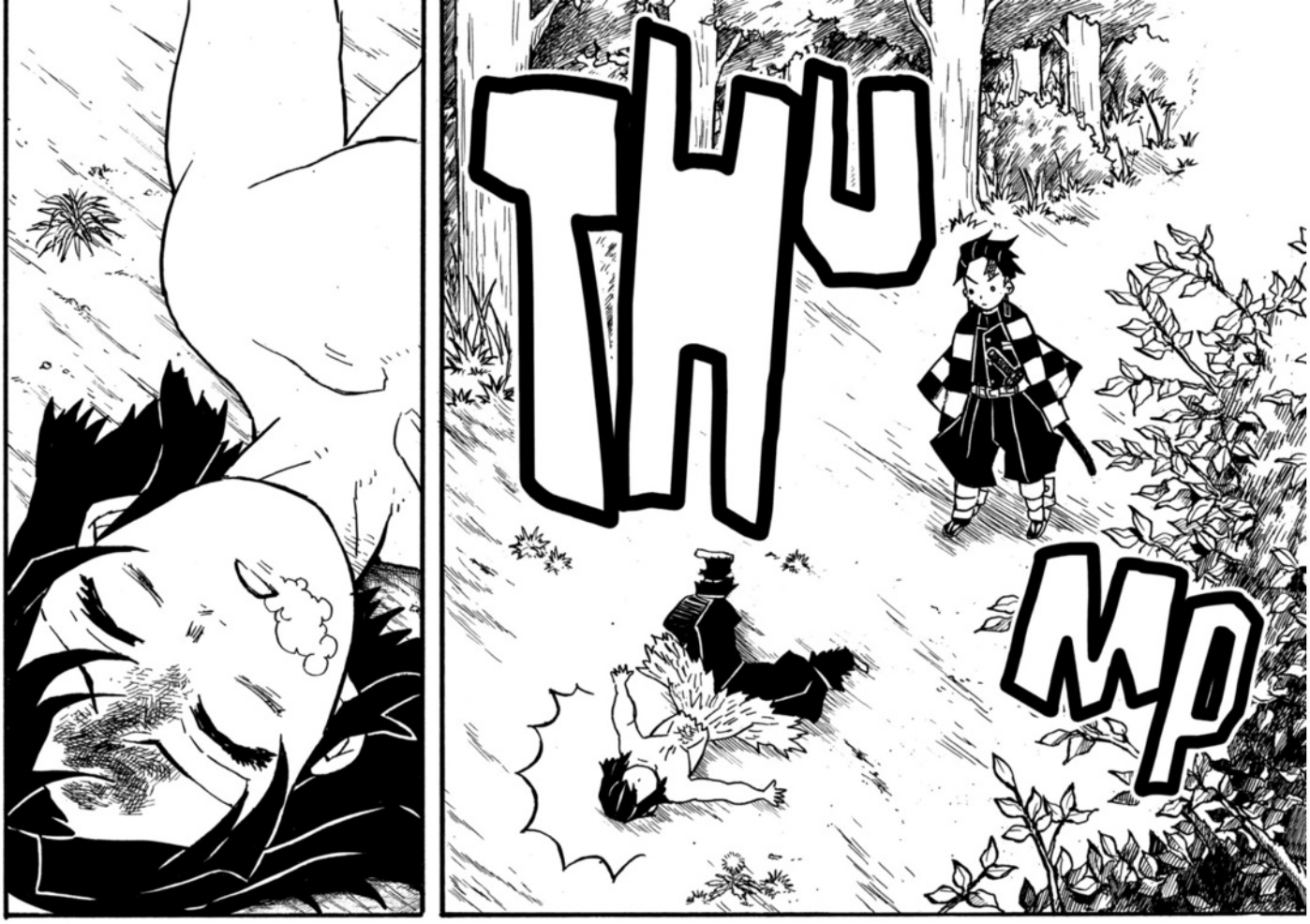

HEADBUTT ME ONE MORE TIME!
NO! I WON'T ATTACK ANYMORE!
IT'S SMALL AND FAIR AND I THINK IT'S FINE!
NO! LET'S SIT DOWN. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'LL KILL YOU!! BRING IT ON!!

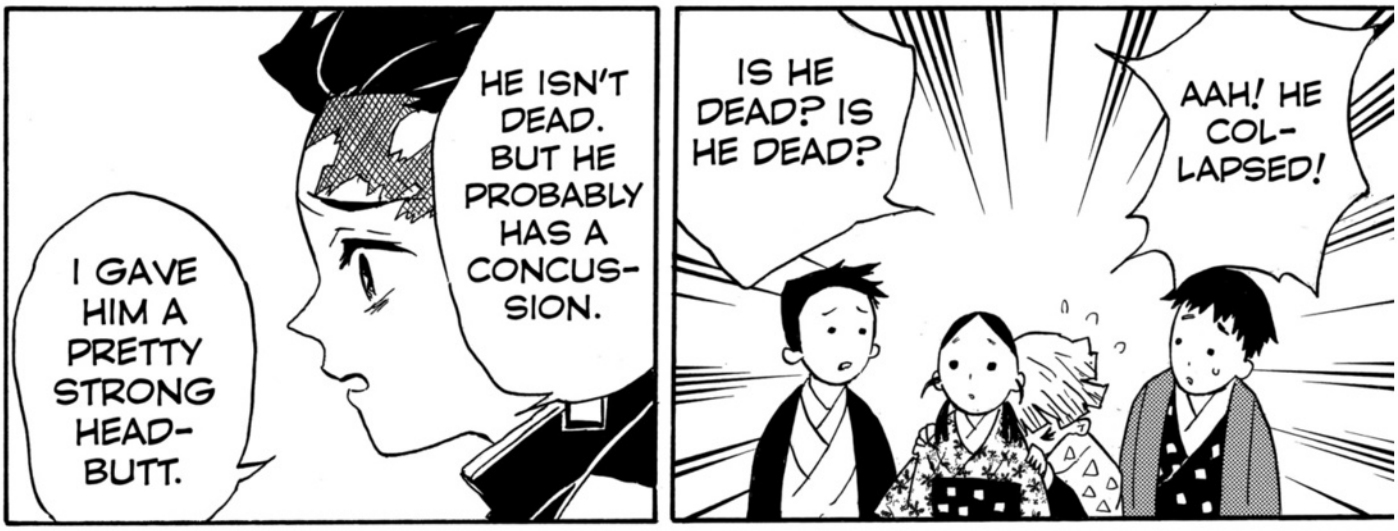
LISTEN, FOREHEAD DUDE, I'LL TELL YOU WHO I AM...
MY NAME IS *INOSUKE HASHI-BIRA!*
REMEM-BER IT!

I CAN'T READ OR WRITE!
WRITE ?!
...
MY NAME IS WRITTEN ON MY WAISTBAND, THOUGH...
HOW DO YOU WRITE THAT?


...
HE STOPP-ED...
?!
WHP

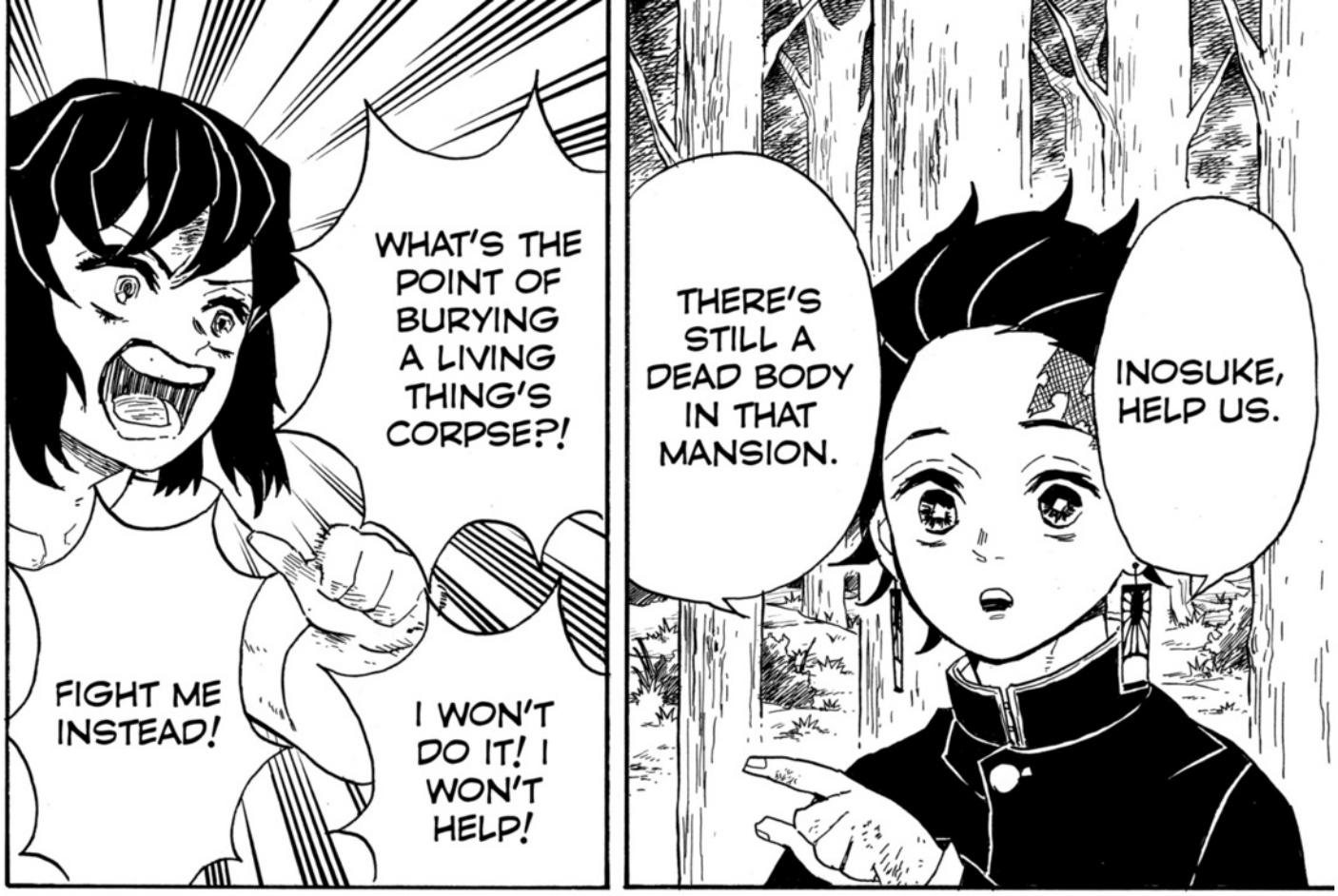
...

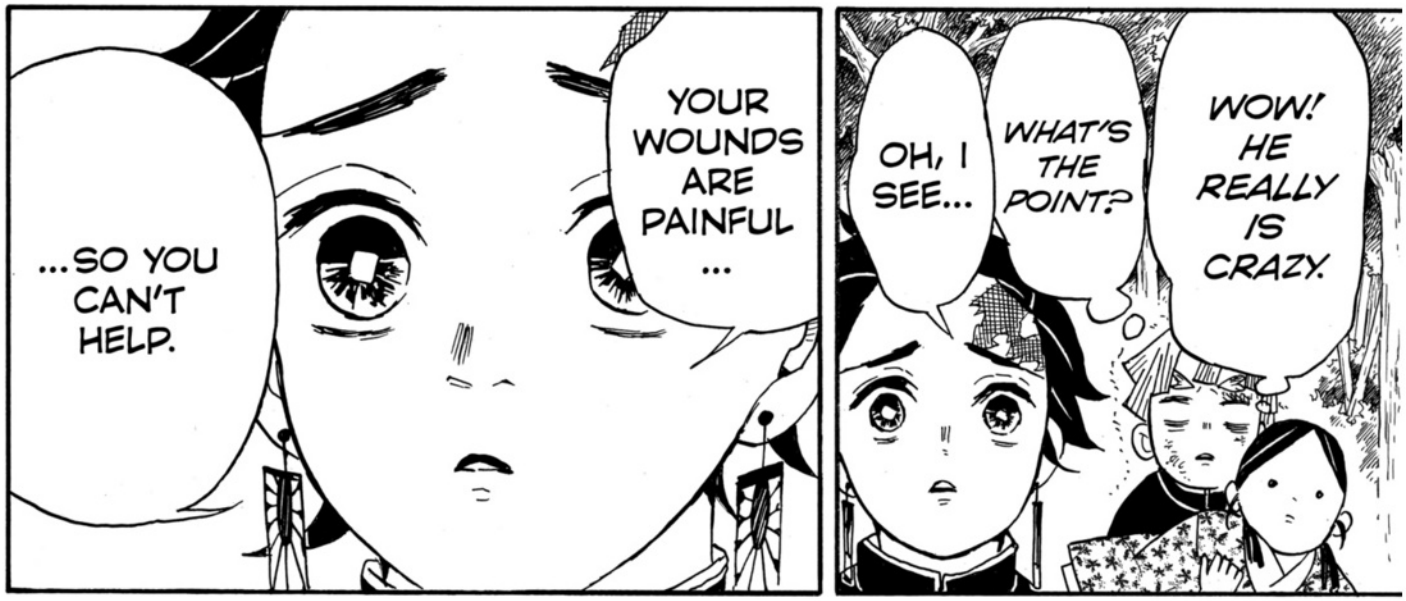

THUMP

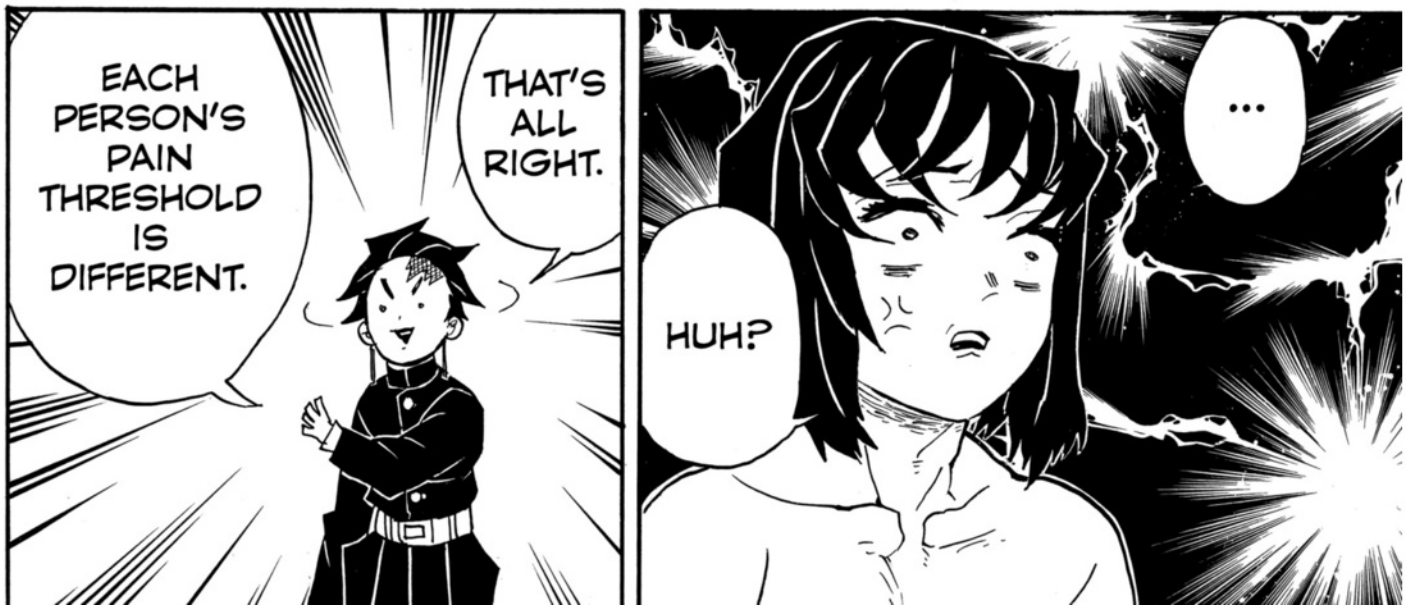

I GAVE HIM A PRETTY STRONG HEAD-BUTT.
HE ISN'T DEAD. BUT HE PROBABLY HAS A CONCUS-SION.
IS HE DEAD? IS HE DEAD?
AAH! HE COL-LAPSED!

BUT THE BOAR WAS KNOCKED OUT!
HIS SKULL MUST BE TOUGH!
SHNNG
HUH? SCARY ...
TANJIRO'S HEAD ISN'T EVEN BRUISED!

GASP
C'MON! BRING IT!
YOU JUST WOKE UP! WHAT'S WITH YOU?!
TMP TMP TMP
FWIP
YOW! HE'S BACK UP!
WHAT'RE YOU GUYS DOING?!
LAYING A BODY TO REST.

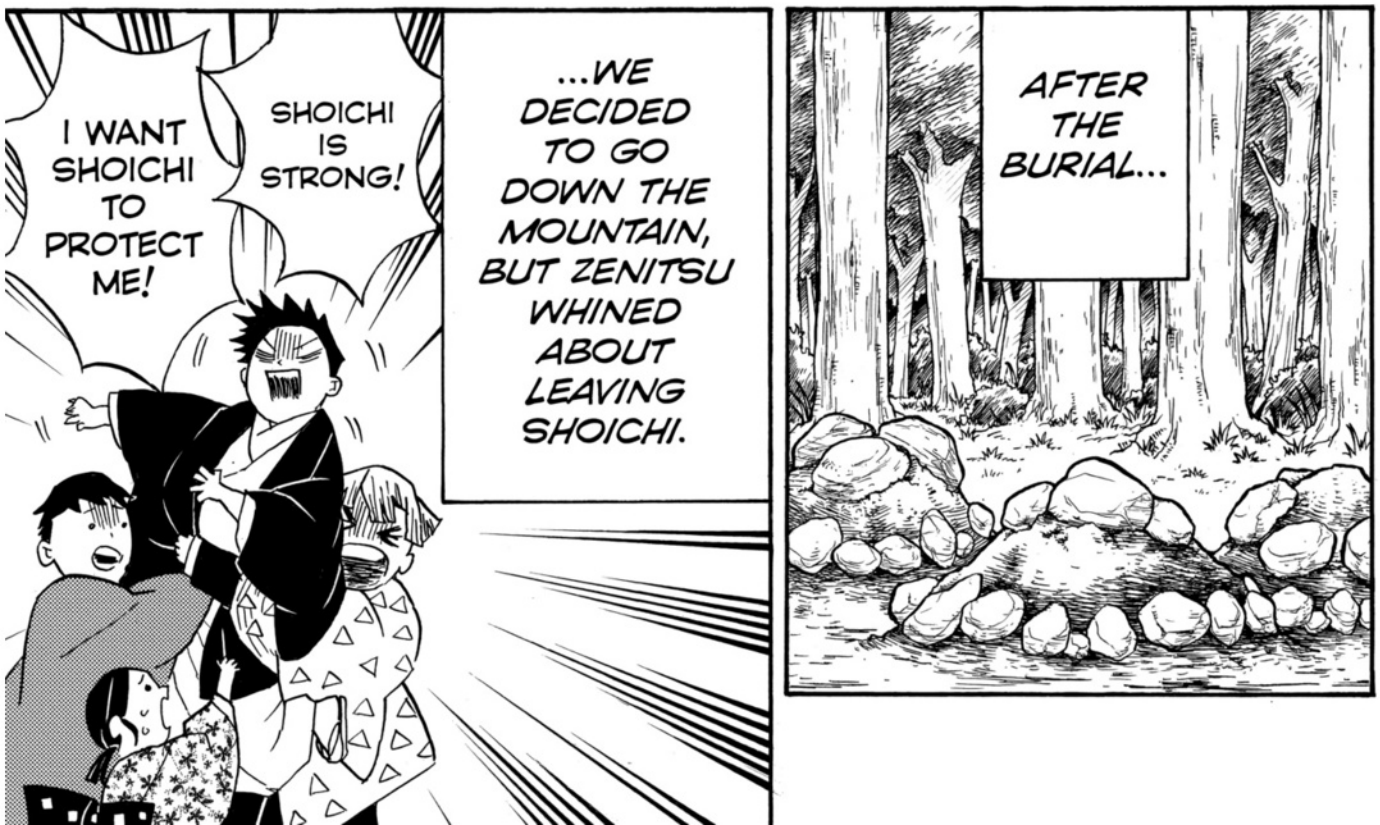

INOSUKE, HELP US.
THERE'S STILL A DEAD BODY IN THAT MANSION.
WHAT'S THE POINT OF BURYING A LIVING THING'S CORPSE?!
I WON'T DO IT! I WON'T HELP!
FIGHT ME INSTEAD!

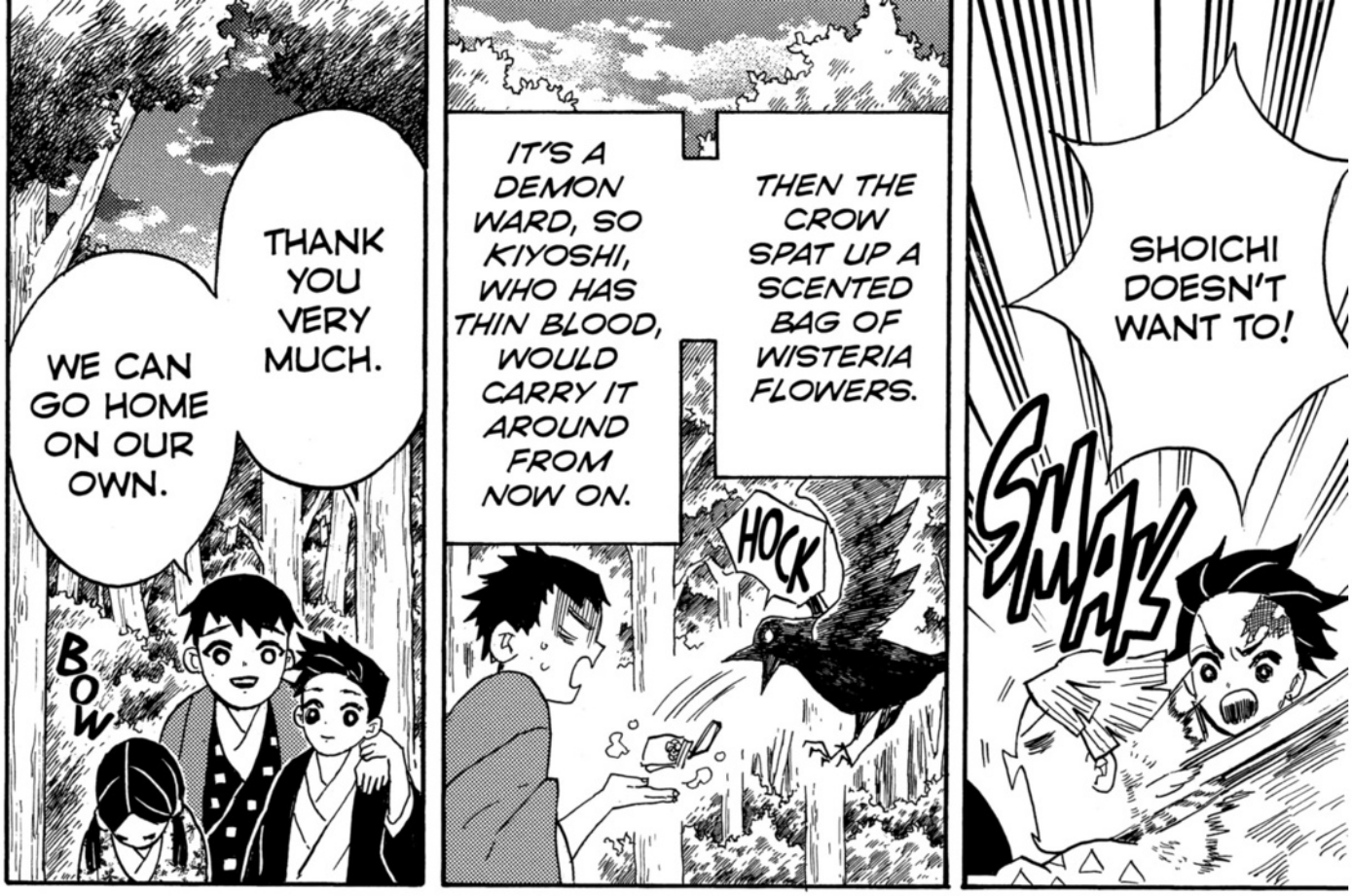

WOW! HE REALLY IS CRAZY.
WHAT'S THE POINT?
OH, I SEE...
YOUR WOUNDS ARE PAINFUL ...
...SO YOU CAN'T HELP.

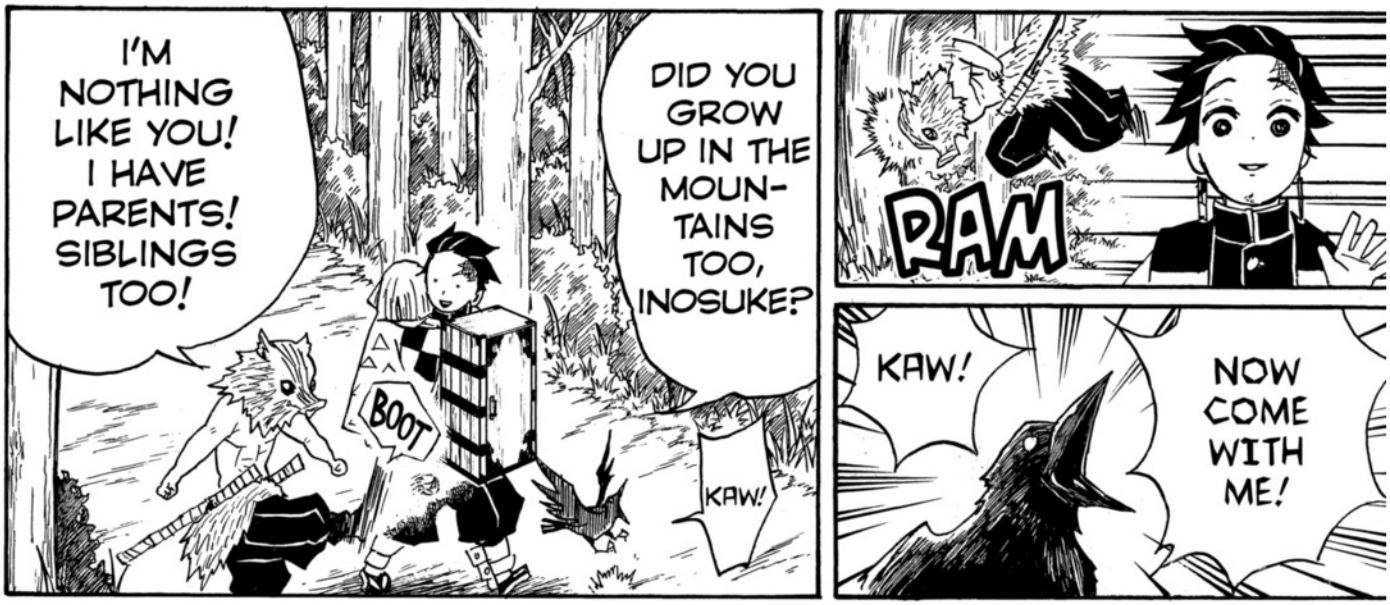

...
HUH?
THAT'S ALL RIGHT.
EACH PERSON'S PAIN THRESHOLD IS DIFFERENT.

CARRYING DEAD PEOPLE OUT OF THE MANSION, DIGGING A HOLE...
...AND BURYING THEM IS REALLY HARD...
HE DOESN'T GET IT...
...BUT I'LL WORK HARD WITH ZENITSU AND THESE BOYS, SO DON'T WORRY.
HE DOESN'T GET IT...

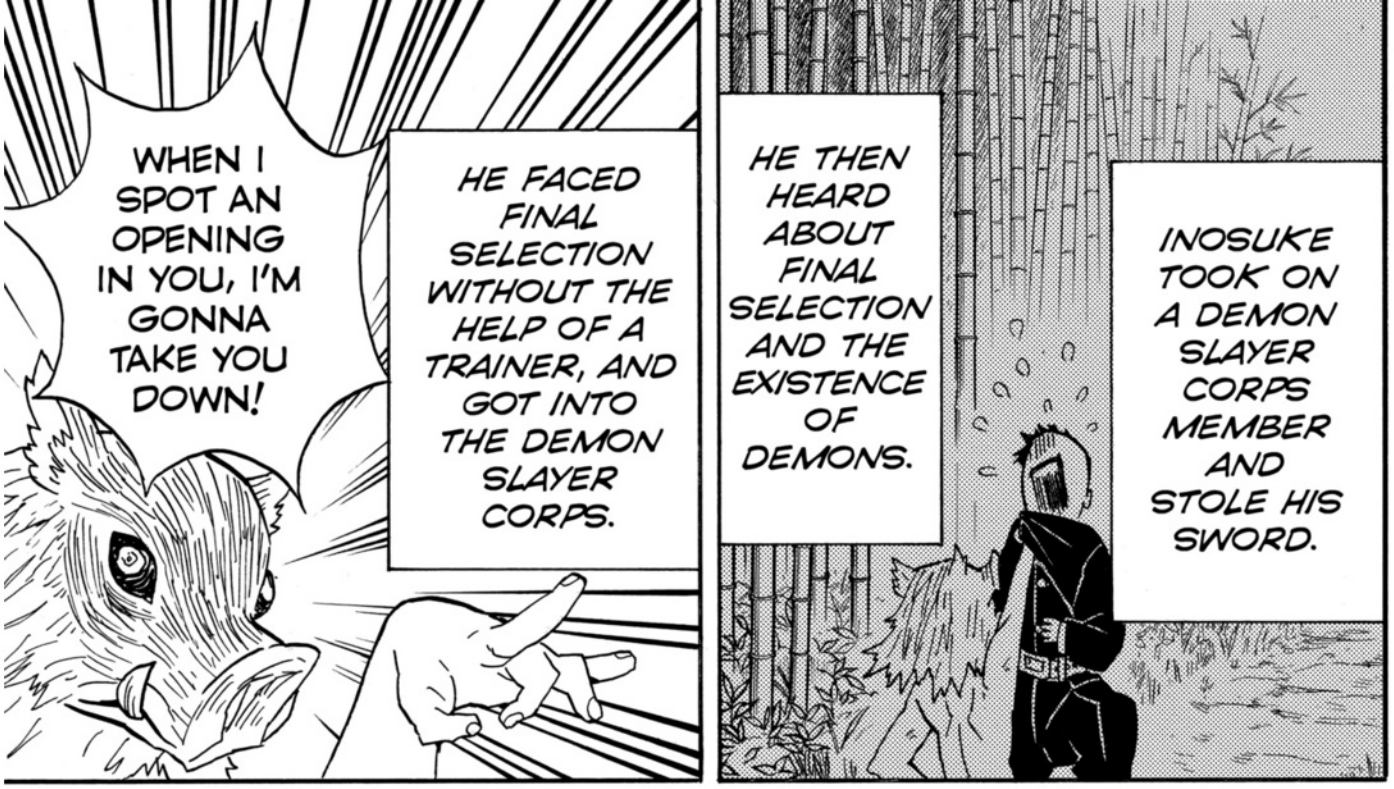
YOU CAN JUST REST, INOSUKE.
SMILE
HUUUUUH?!
DON'T MOCK ME! I CAN BURY A HUNDRED PEOPLE! TWO HUNDRED!
MORE THAN ANYONE!

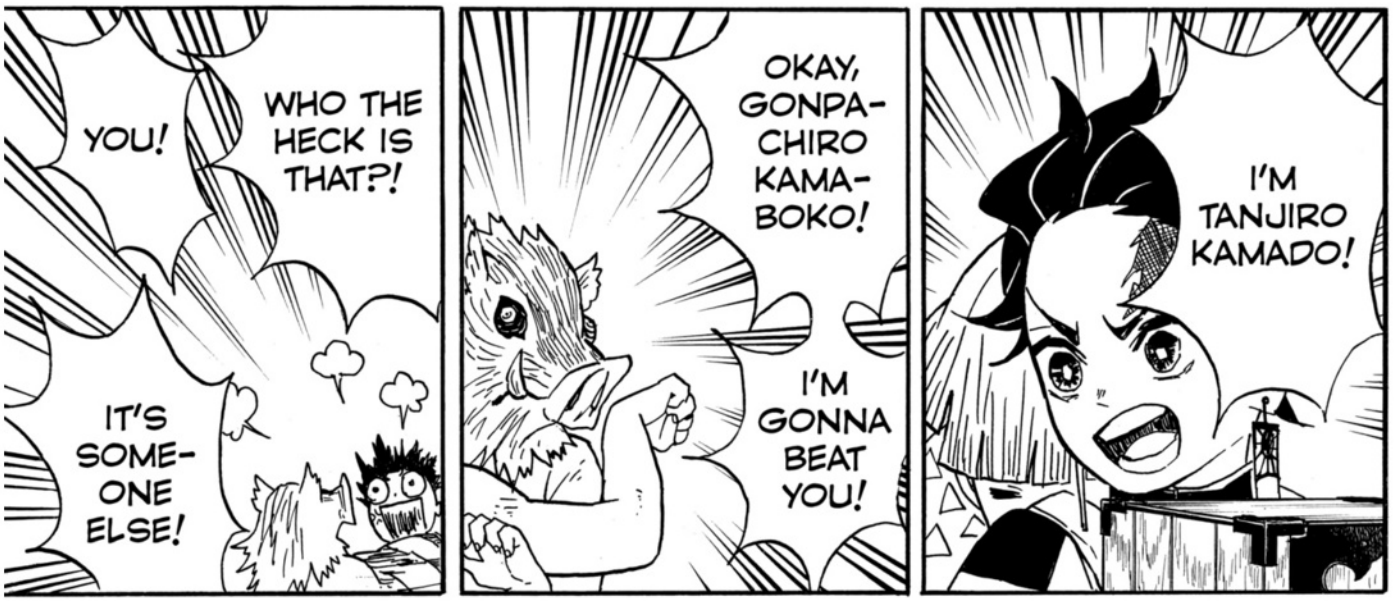

AFTER THE BURIAL...
...WE DECIDED TO GO DOWN THE MOUNTAIN, BUT ZENITSU WHINED ABOUT LEAVING SHOICHI.
SHOICHI IS STRONG!
I WANT SHOICHI TO PROTECT ME!

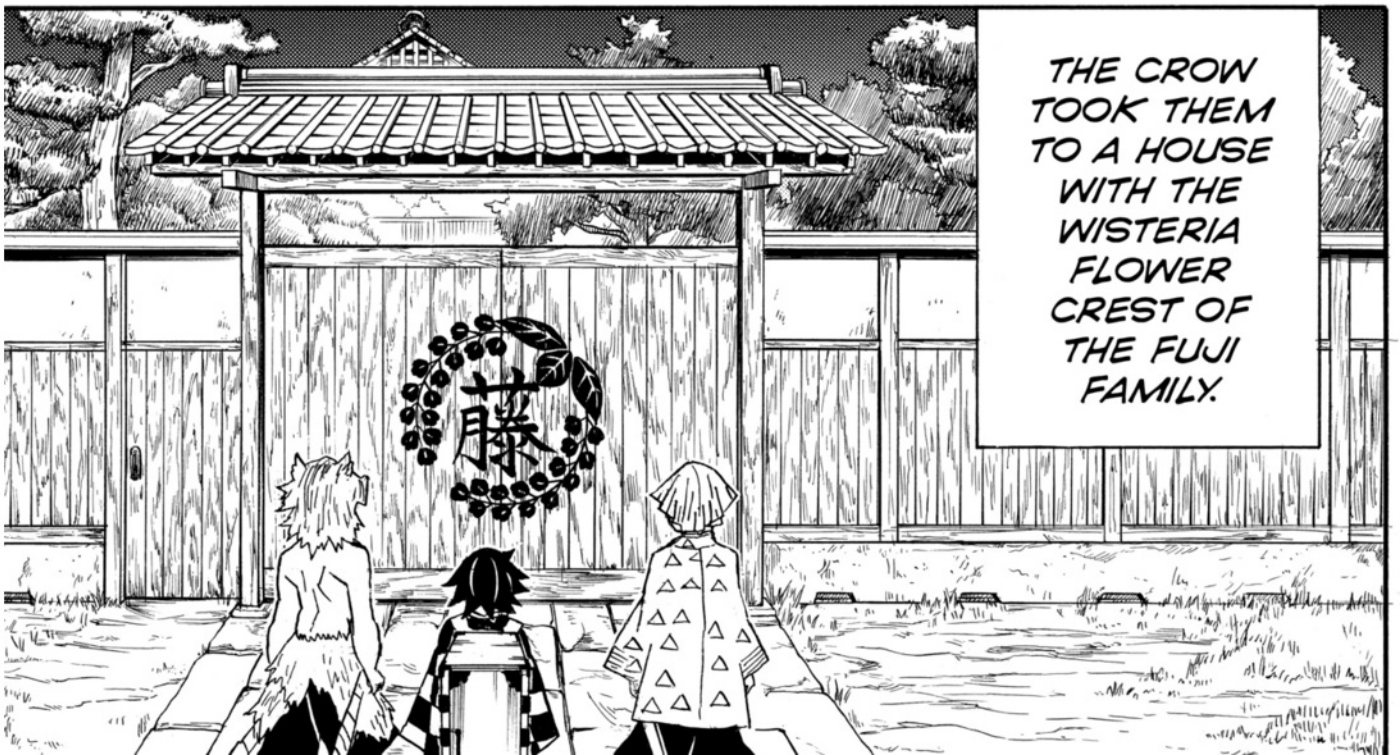

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
WE CAN GO HOME ON OUR OWN.
BOW
THEN THE CROW SPAT UP A SCENTED BAG OF WISTERIA FLOWERS.
IT'S A DEMON WARD, SO KIYOSHI, WHO HAS THIN BLOOD, WOULD CARRY IT AROUND FROM NOW ON.
HOCK
SHOICHI DOESN'T WANT TO!
SWIPE


I'M NOTHING LIKE YOU! I HAVE PARENTS! SIBLINGS TOO!
DID YOU GROW UP IN THE MOUN-TAINS TOO, INOSUKE?
BOOT
KAW!
RAM
KAW!
NOW COME WITH ME!

OH ...
PLIP
OH ...
...MY STRENGTH AGAINST OTHERS'!
MY ONLY PLEASURE IS TO MATCH...


WHEN I SPOT AN OPENING IN YOU, I'M GONNA TAKE YOU DOWN!
HE FACED FINAL SELECTION WITHOUT THE HELP OF A TRAINER, AND GOT INTO THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS.
HE THEN HEARD ABOUT FINAL SELECTION AND THE EXISTENCE OF DEMONS.
INOSUKE TOOK ON A DEMON SLAYER CORPS MEMBER AND STOLE HIS SWORD.


YOU!
WHO THE HECK IS THAT?!
IT'S SOME-ONE ELSE!
OKAY, GONPA-CHIRO KAMA-BOKO!
I'M GONNA BEAT YOU!
I'M TANJIRO KAMADO!


THE CROW TOOK THEM TO A HOUSE WITH THE WISTERIA FLOWER CREST OF THE FUJI FAMILY.
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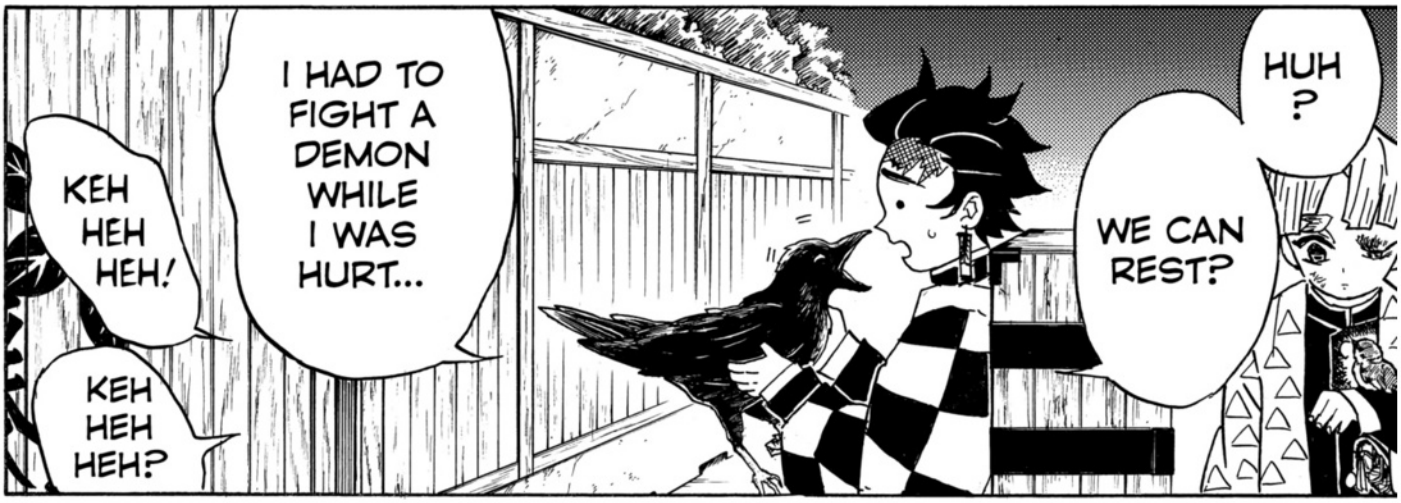
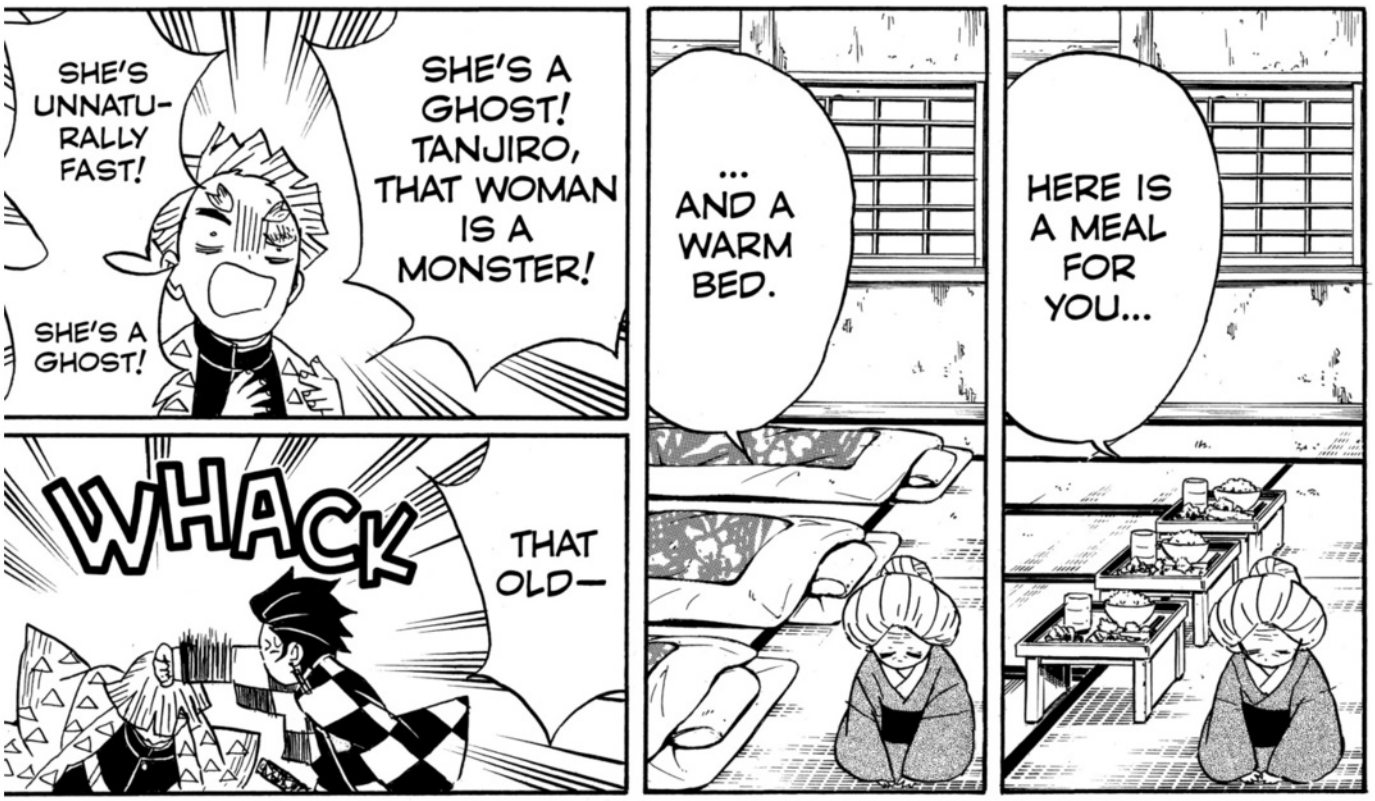
KAAAW! REST! REST!
REST UNTIL YOUR WOUNDS FULLY HEAL!

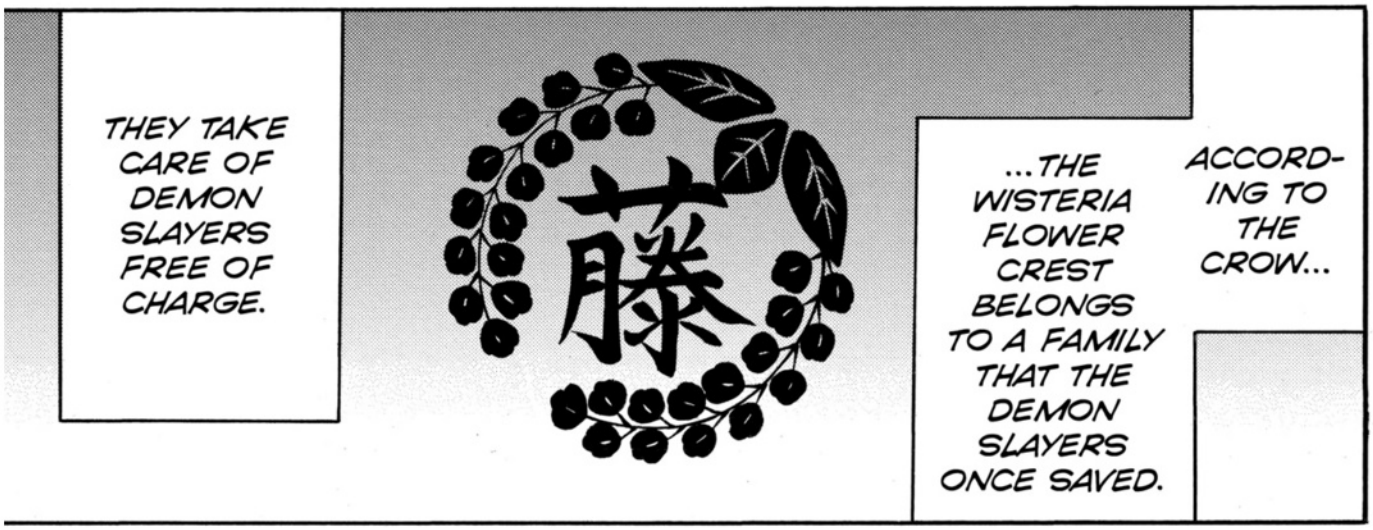

HUH?
WE CAN REST?
I HAD TO FIGHT A DEMON WHILE I WAS HURT...
KEH HEH HEH!
KEH HEH HEH?

A GHOST! IT'S A GHOST!
YIKES!
SORRY TO ARRIVE SO LATE.
KNOCK IT OFF!

KNOCK
HELLO?

SHE LOOKS WEAK ...
YOU MUST BE DEMON SLAYERS.
BOKE
PLEASE, COME IN.


SHE'S UNNATURALLY FAST!
SHE'S A GHOST!
SHE'S A GHOST! TANJIRO, THAT WOMAN IS A MONSTER!
WHACK
THAT OLD—
... AND A WARM BED.
HERE IS A MEAL FOR YOU...


THEY TAKE CARE OF DEMON SLAYERS FREE OF CHARGE.
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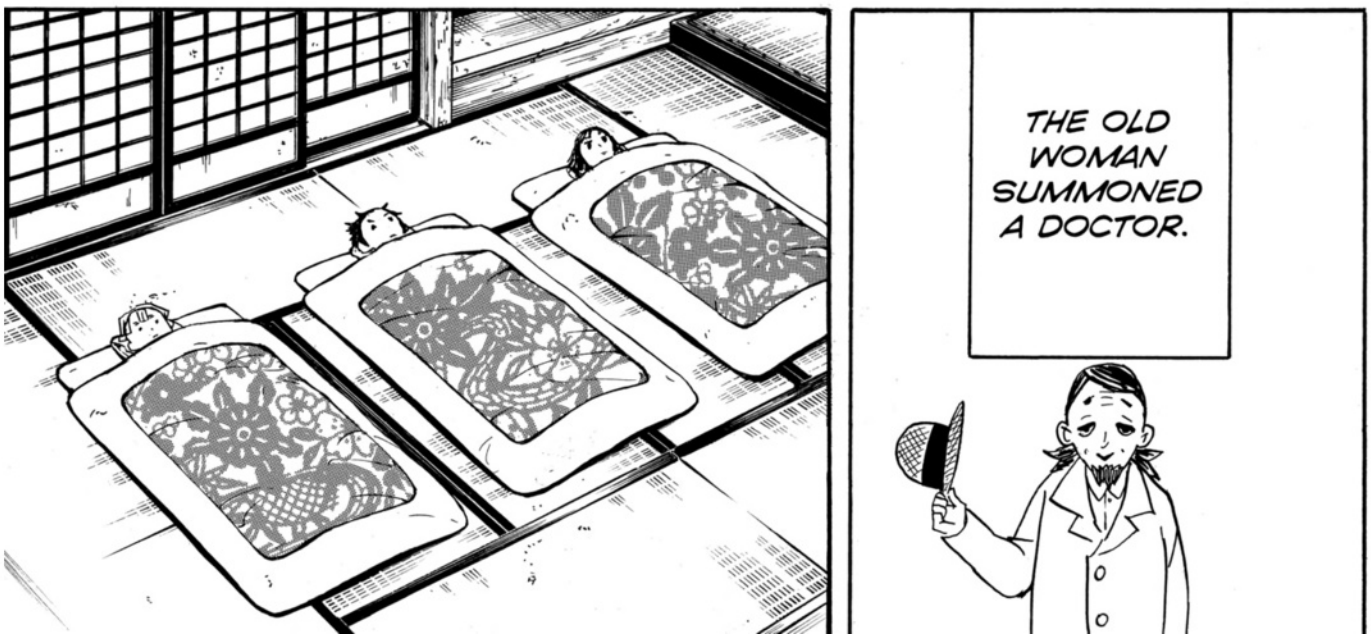
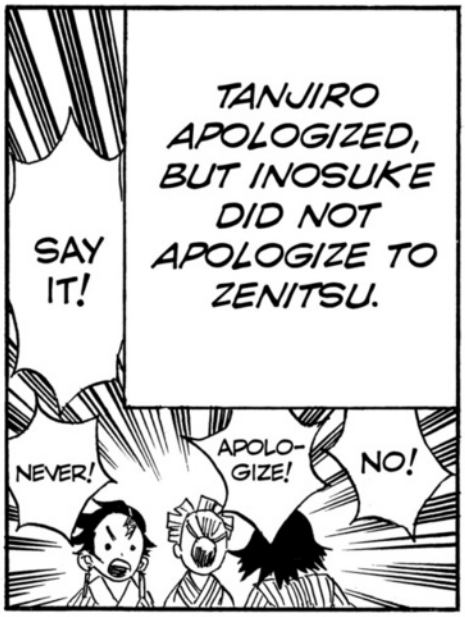
...THE WISTERIA FLOWER CREST BELONGS TO A FAMILY THAT THE DEMON SLAYERS ONCE SAVED.
ACCORDING TO THE CROW...


THE OLD WOMAN SUMMONED A DOCTOR.

TWO.
THREE.
FOUR.
ALL FOUR HAD SOME BROKEN RIBS...

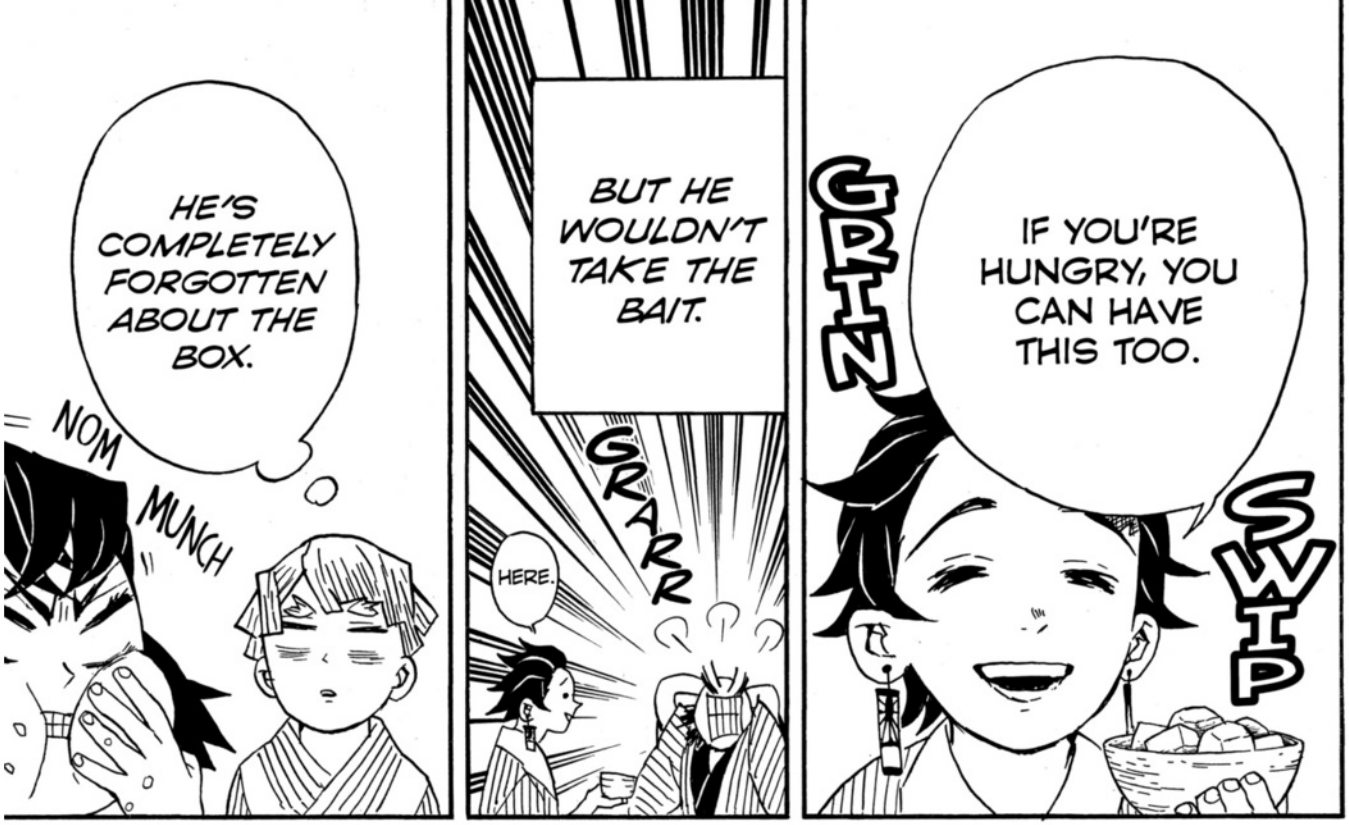
AND INOSUKE WAS A VERY MESSY EATER.
SNARF CHOMP MUNCH NOM


TANJIRO APOLOGIZED, BUT INOSUKE DID NOT APOLOGIZE TO ZENITSU.
SAY IT!
NEVER!
APOLO-GIZE!
NO!

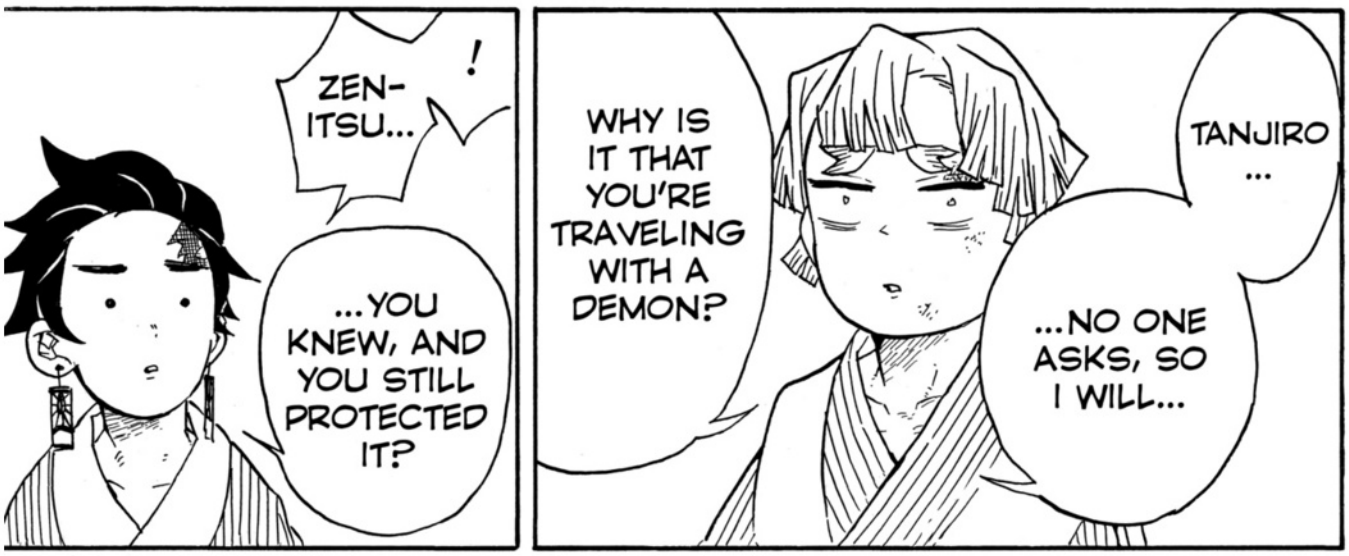
THIS GOOSE EGG HURTS.
SORRY.
THROB

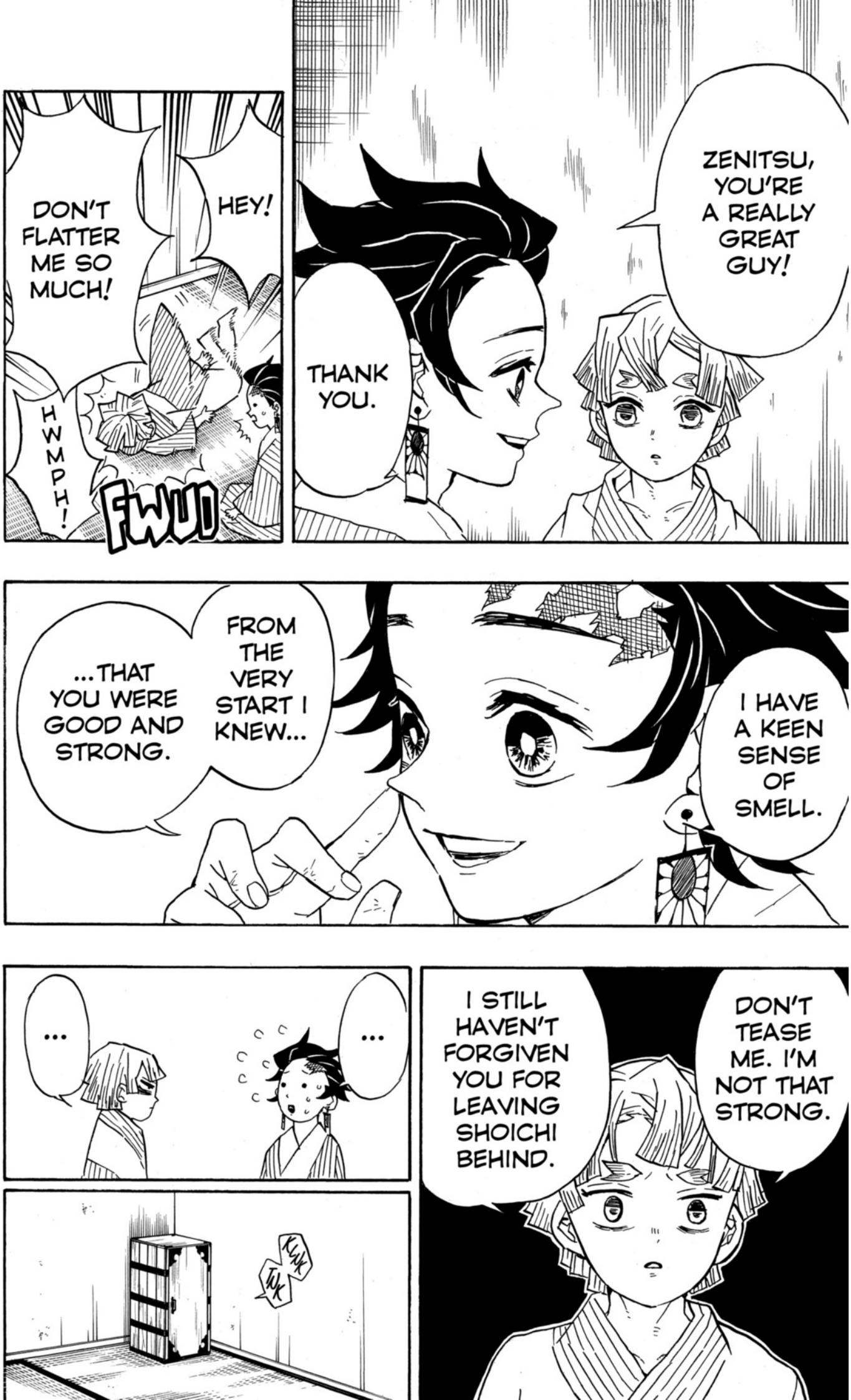
BLINK BLINK
SMIRK SMIRK SMIRK SMIRK
HE WAS ALWAYS TRYING TO PROVOKE TANJIRO.

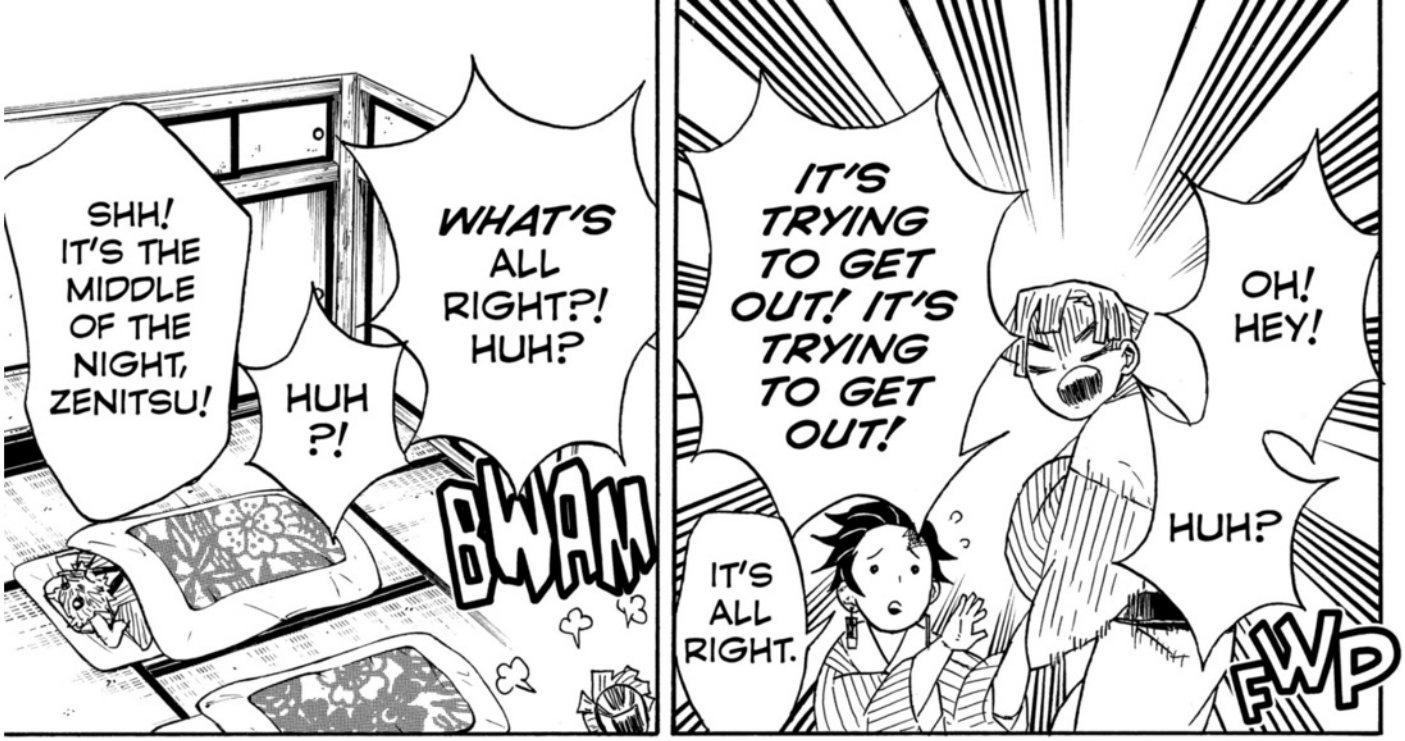
NOM NOM
CHOMP

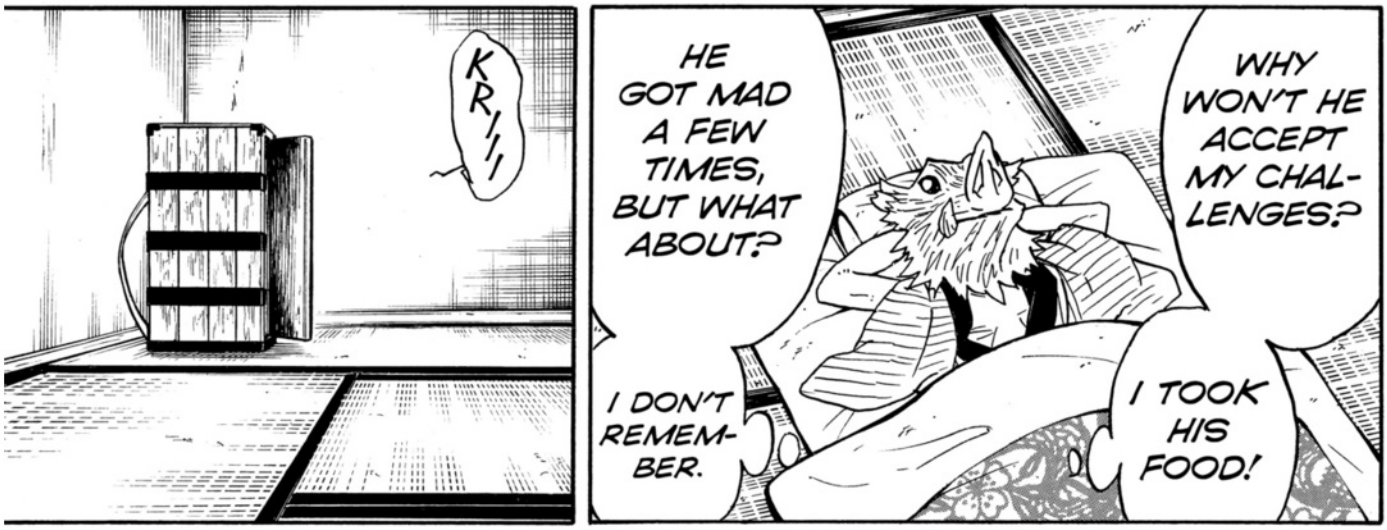

HE'S COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE BOX.
NOM
MUNCH
BUT HE WOULDN'T TAKE THE BAIT.
GRARR
HERE.
GRIN
IF YOU'RE HUNGRY, YOU CAN HAVE THIS TOO.
SWIP

... UP TO ME.
HMM ...
IF HE WON'T THEN IT'S...
...WHY DID HE BEAT ME UP SO MUCH? THE JERK!! THE IDIOT!! THE EYELASHES!!
URGH URGH URGH
IF THIS JERK CAN FORGET HIS GRUDGES SO QUICKLY...

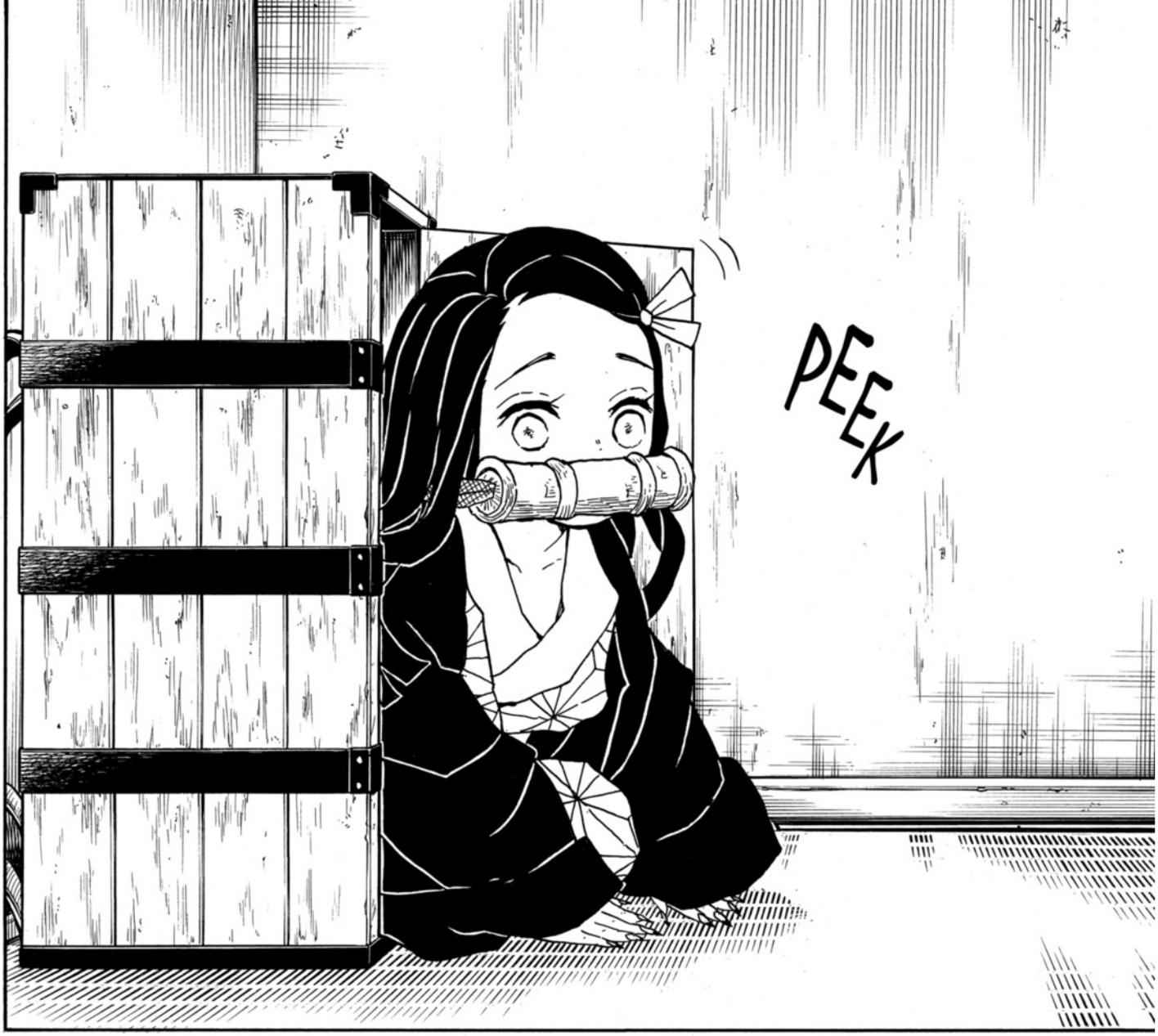

ZEN-ITSU...!
...YOU KNEW, AND YOU STILL PROTECTED IT?
WHY IS IT THAT YOU'RE TRAVELING WITH A DEMON?
TANJIRO ...
...NO ONE ASKS, SO I WILL...

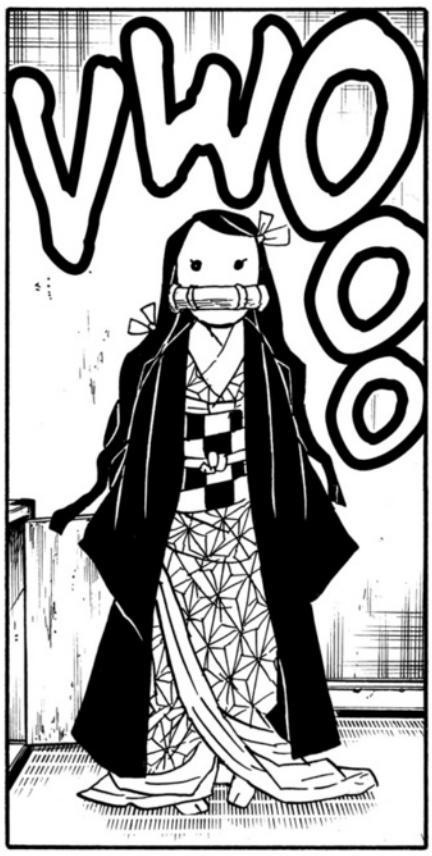

ZENITSU, YOU'RE A REALLY GREAT GUY!
THANK YOU.
HEY!
DON'T FLATTER ME SO MUCH!
HWMPH!
FWUD
I HAVE A KEEN SENSE OF SMELL.
FROM THE VERY START I KNEW...
...THAT YOU WERE GOOD AND STRONG.
DON'T TEASE ME. I'M NOT THAT STRONG.
I STILL HAVEN'T FORGIVEN YOU FOR LEAVING SHOICHI BEHIND.
...
...
KUNK
TUNK


SHH! IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, ZENITSU!
HUH ?!
WHAT'S ALL RIGHT?! HUH?
BWAM
IT'S TRYING TO GET OUT! IT'S TRYING TO GET OUT!
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
OH! HEY!
HUH?
FWP


KR/1/
HE GOT MAD A FEW TIMES, BUT WHAT ABOUT?
I DON'T REMEMBER.
WHY WON'T HE ACCEPT MY CHAL-LENGES?
I TOOK HIS FOOD!

TCH
SOME-ONE SAVE ME!
P-P-P-PROTECT ME!
STAY BACK!
ANY-ONE, EVEN INOSUKE!
GYOW!
ISN'T IT LOCKED ?!
KYAAAH!
SHH!


PEEK

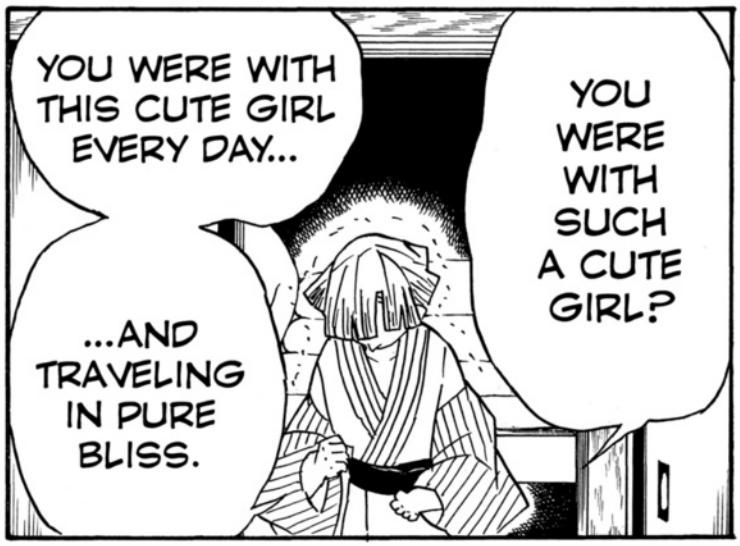

VWOOOO

VWOO

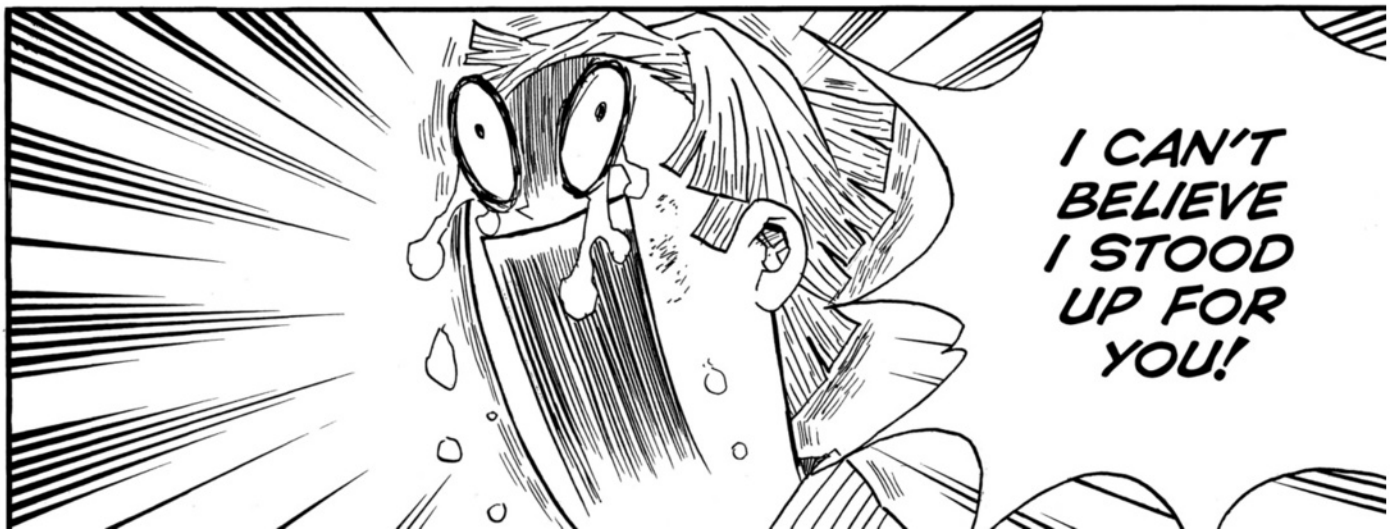
HUH?
NE-
ZUKO.

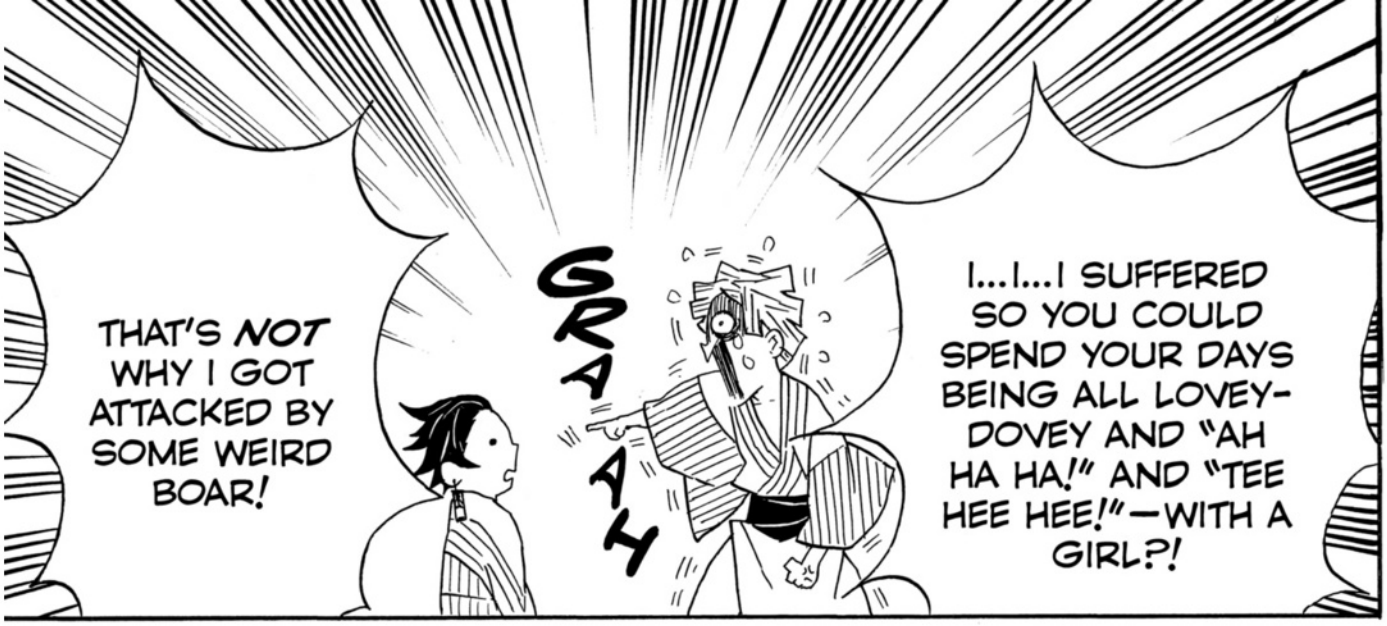
SPARKLE
GLEAM
SPARKLE
SNORK
...TOO MUCH THINKING ...
THIS IS NEZUKO, MY—
TANJIRO!
YOU ...

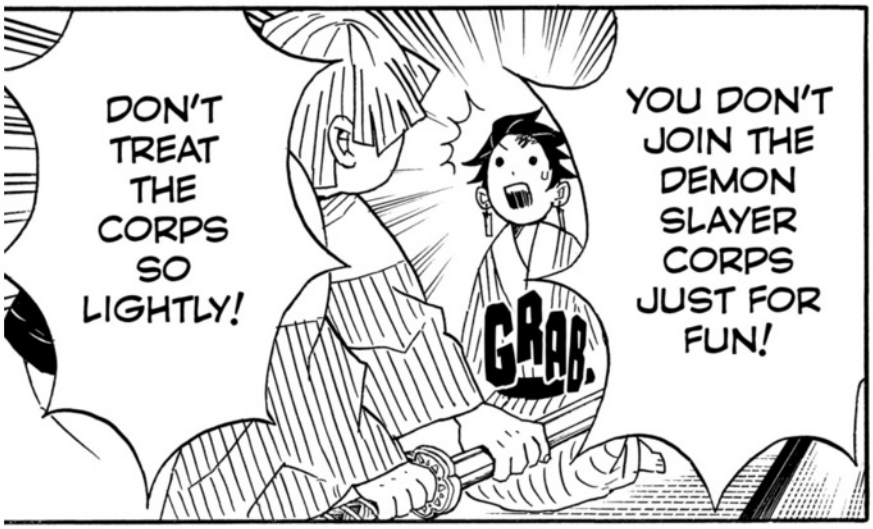
YOU HAVE GOT IT SO GOOD!


YOU WERE WITH THIS CUTE GIRL EVERY DAY...
...AND TRAVELING IN PURE BLISS.
YOU WERE WITH SUCH A CUTE GIRL?

HUH?


I CAN'T BELIEVE I STOOD UP FOR YOU!


THAT'S NOT WHY I GOT ATTACKED BY SOME WEIRD BOAR!
GRAAH
I...I...I SUFFERED SO YOU COULD SPEND YOUR DAYS BEING ALL LOVEY-DOVEY AND "AH HA HA!" AND "TEE HEE HEE!"—WITH A GIRL?!


DON'T TREAT THE CORPS SO LIGHTLY!
GRAB.
YOU DON'T JOIN THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS JUST FOR FUN!

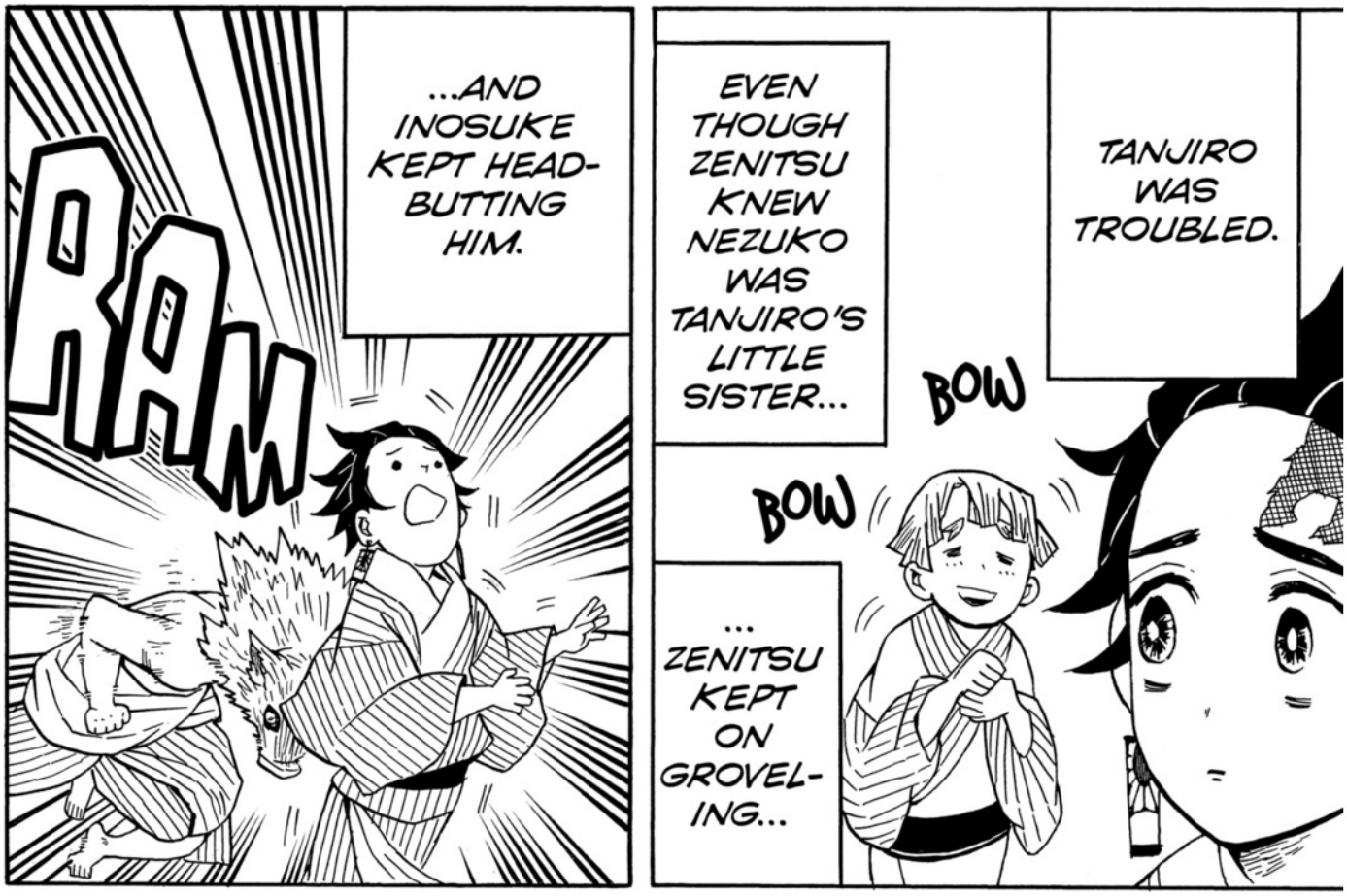
WHAT'S WITH YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN?
CALM DOWN, ZENITSU.

ZENITSU KEPT ON SCREAMING UNTIL DAWN.
A curse upon you!

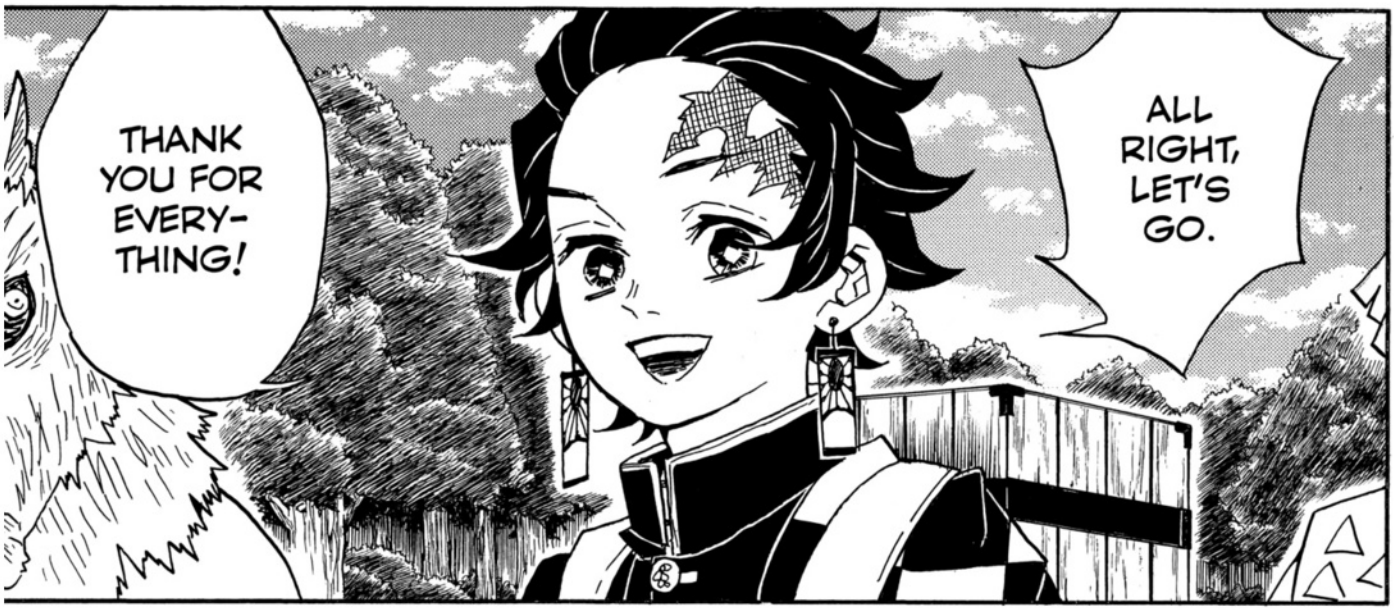
WE MUST PURGE THE CORPS OF YOUR ILK! PURGE YOU IMMEDIATELY!

Taisho Whispers & Rumors
I'm so tired...
Take it easy. Get well!

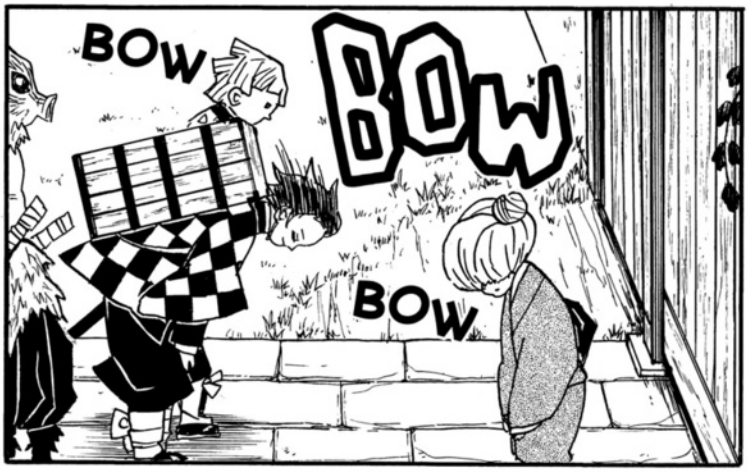
CHAPTER 28: URGENT SUMMONS


...AND INOSUKE KEPT HEAD-BUTTING HIM.
RAM
TANJIRO WAS TROUBLED.
EVEN THOUGH ZENITSU KNEW NEZUKO WAS TANJIRO'S LITTLE SISTER...
BOW
BOW
... ZENITSU KEPT ON GROVEL-ING...

...TELLING ALL THREE TO HEAD FOR MOUNT NATAGUMO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
WHEN THEIR BROKEN BONES HEALED, AN URGENT DIRECTIVE ARRIVED...
KAW


ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO.
THANK YOU FOR EVERY-THING!

SPARKS FOR GOOD LUCK...
SNP

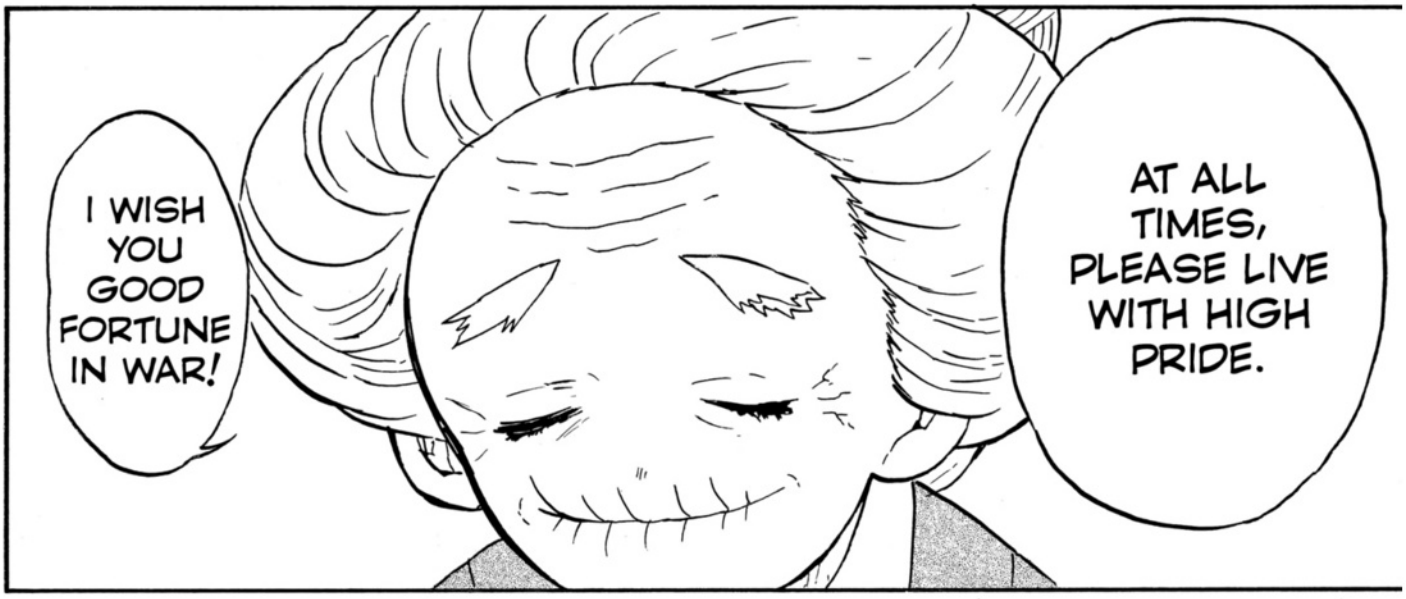

BOW
BOW
BOW

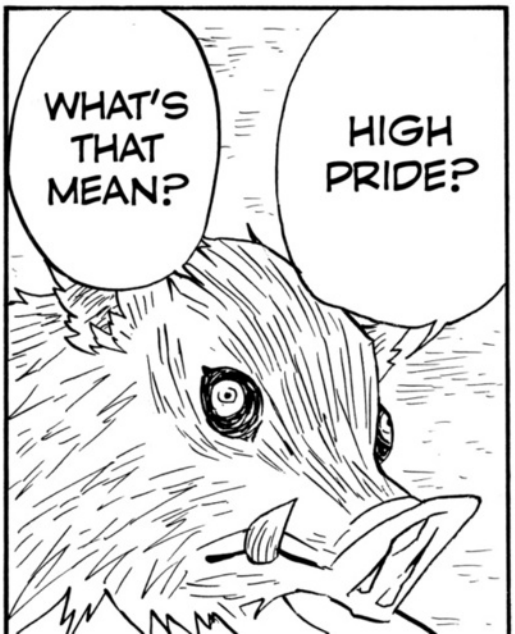
THANK YOU!

CHK
CHK

WHAT'RE YOU DOIN', Y'OLD HAG?!
GRR

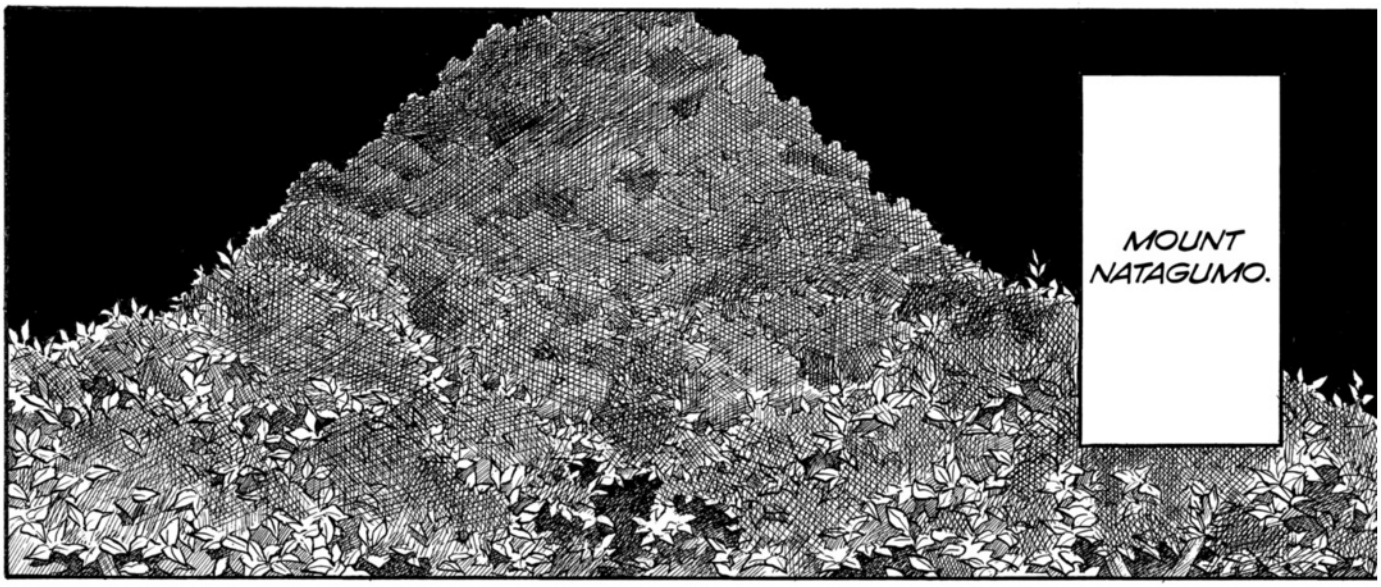
IT'S PURIFICATION BECAUSE WE'RE GOING INTO DANGER!
IT'S A RITUAL!
ARE YOU STUPID ?!


I WISH YOU GOOD FORTUNE IN WAR!
AT ALL TIMES, PLEASE LIVE WITH HIGH PRIDE.


WHAT'S THAT MEAN?
HIGH PRIDE?

藤

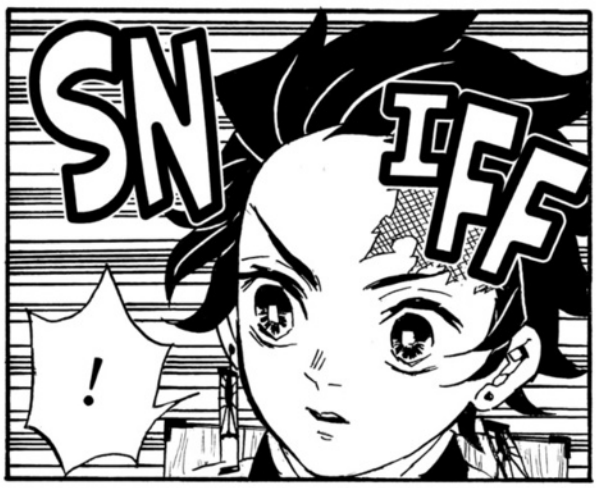
"HIGH PRIDE"...
YEAH. THE MEANING ISN'T IMMEDIATELY CLEAR.
TROMP
HE'S COMPLETELY CLUELESS!
ANYWAY, THAT OLD WOMAN IS PRAYING FOR OUR SAFETY.
IS THAT IT?
PROPERLY UNDERSTANDING YOUR STATION? NOT BEING EMBARRASSED TO BEHAVE APPROPRIATELY FOR THAT POSITION...?
SHE DOESN'T UNDER-STAND OUR POSITION, DOES SHE?
...
SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ANYTHING, SO WHY?
WELL ...
WHAT EXACTLY IS "BEHAVING APPRO-PRIATELY"?
WHY DOES SHE CARE ABOUT US?
WHAT POSI-TION IS THAT?
AND WHY WOULD IT BE EMBAR-RASSING?
TP TP TP
TMP TMP TMP
AAH! HE SPED UP!

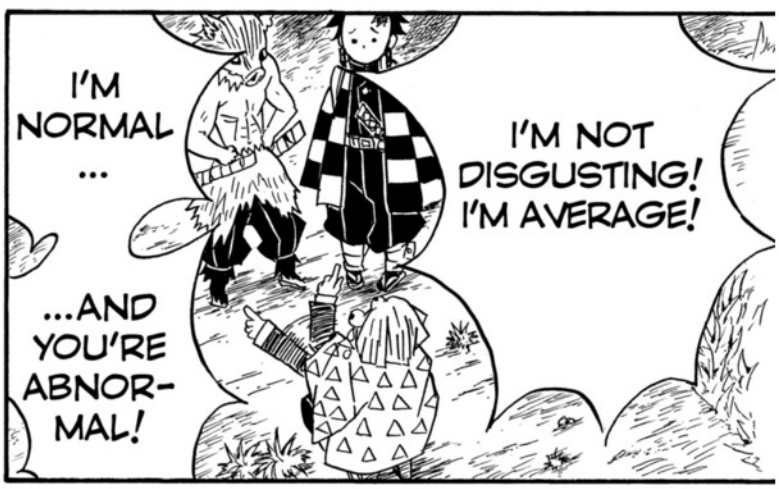

MOUNT NATAGUMO.

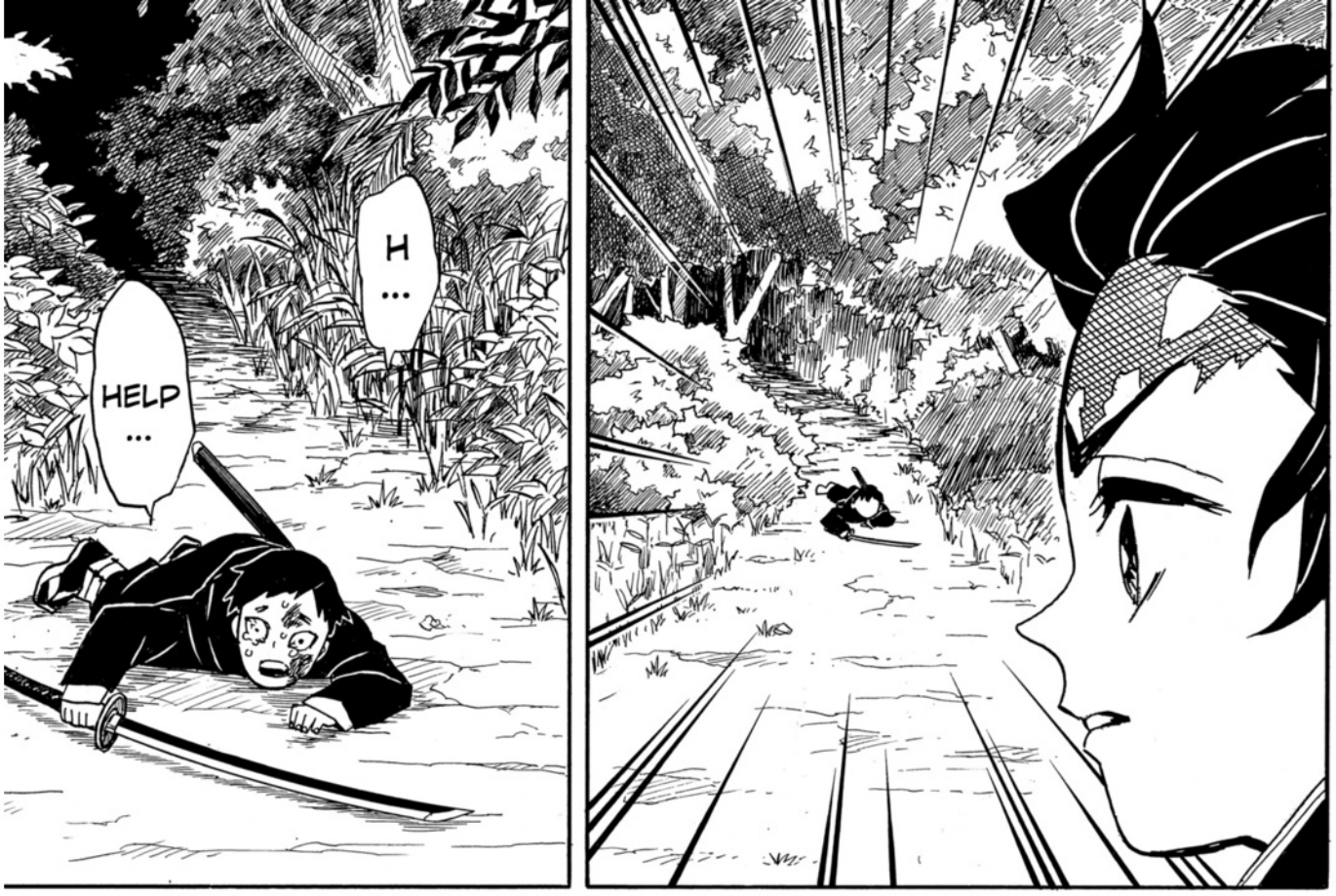
YOU'RE DISGUST-ING!
WHY'RE YOU SITTING DOWN?
I DON'T WANNA HEAR IT FROM YOU, PIG-HEAD!

WE'RE GETTING CLOSE TO OUR GOAL, AND I'M VERY SCARED!
I'M SCARED!
WAAH

WAIT!
WILL YOU PLEASE WAIT?!


SNIFF
!

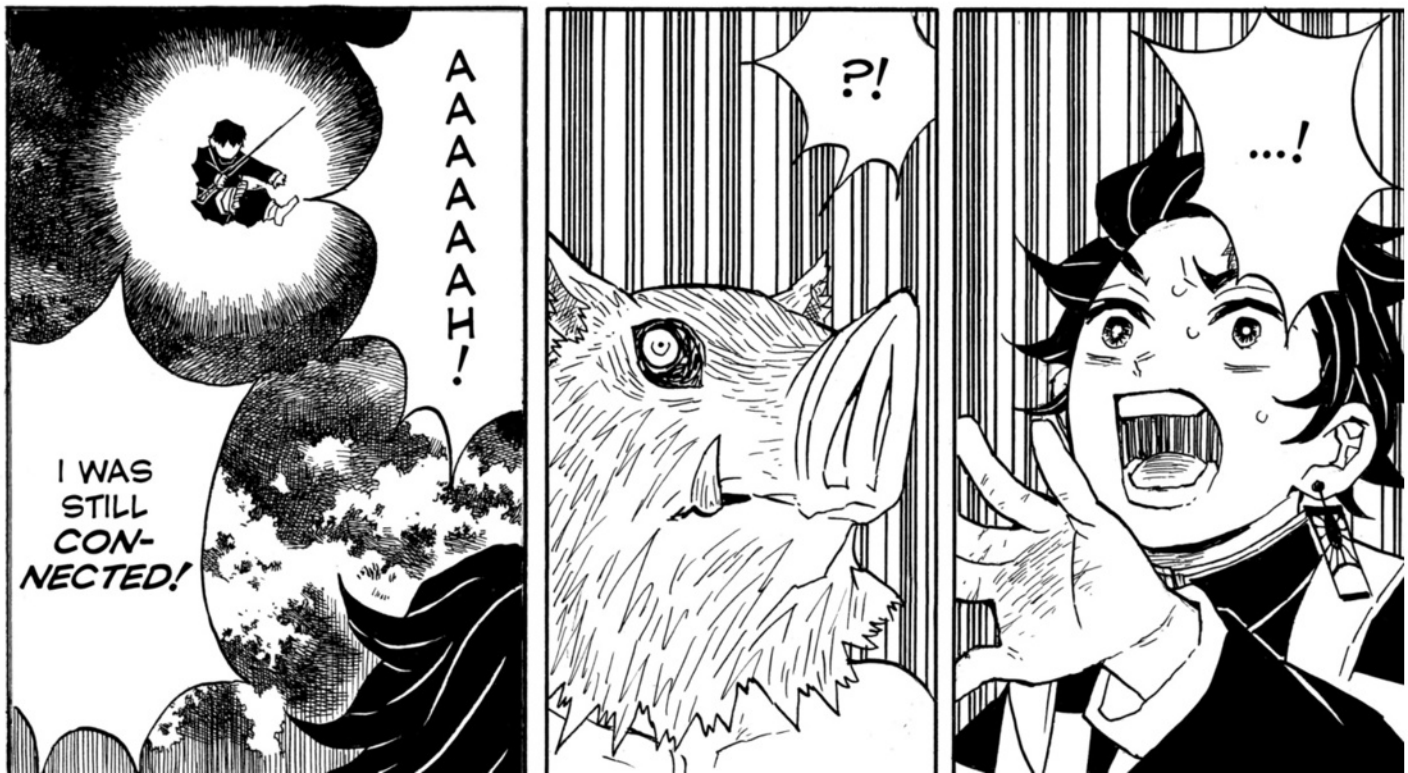

I'M NORMAL ...
...AND YOU'RE ABNOR-MAL!
I'M NOT DISGUSTING! I'M AVERAGE!


HELP ...
H ...

HE'S IN THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS! WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?!
HE'S WEARING THE CORPS UNIFORM!
WHSH
HYAH!
WAIT!

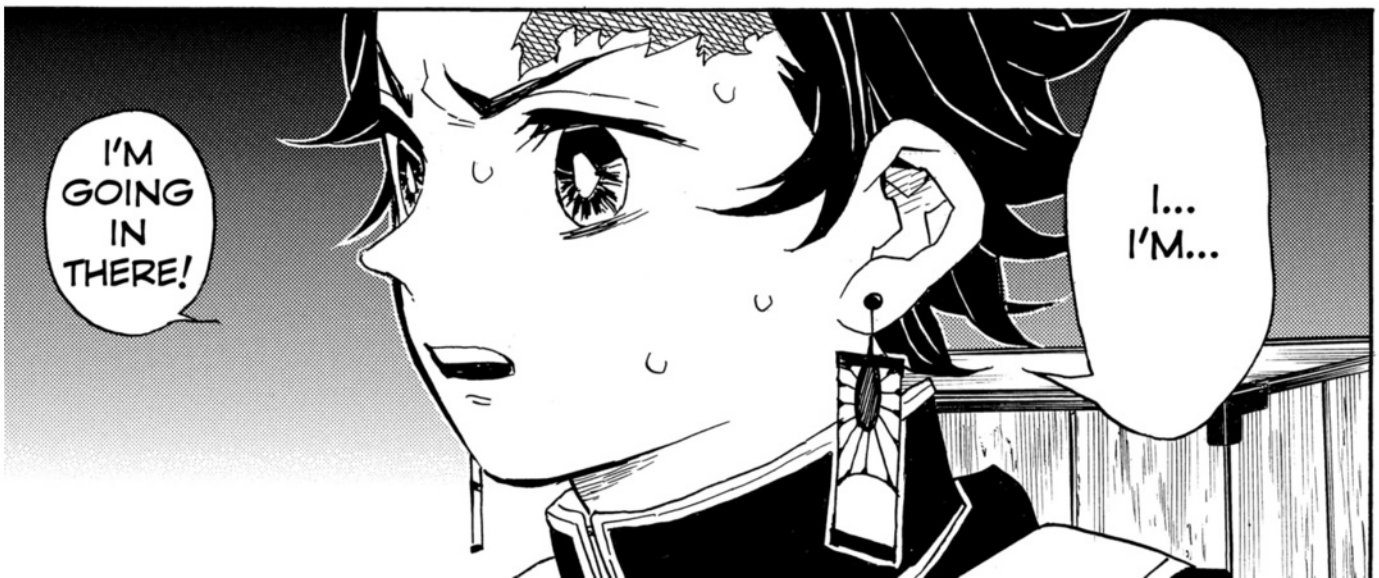
KRK
TNK
KRK
WHAT HAPPENED ?!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

WHSH


AAAAAAH!
I WAS STILL CON-NECTED!
?!
...!

HEEELP
...
...
MEEEE!

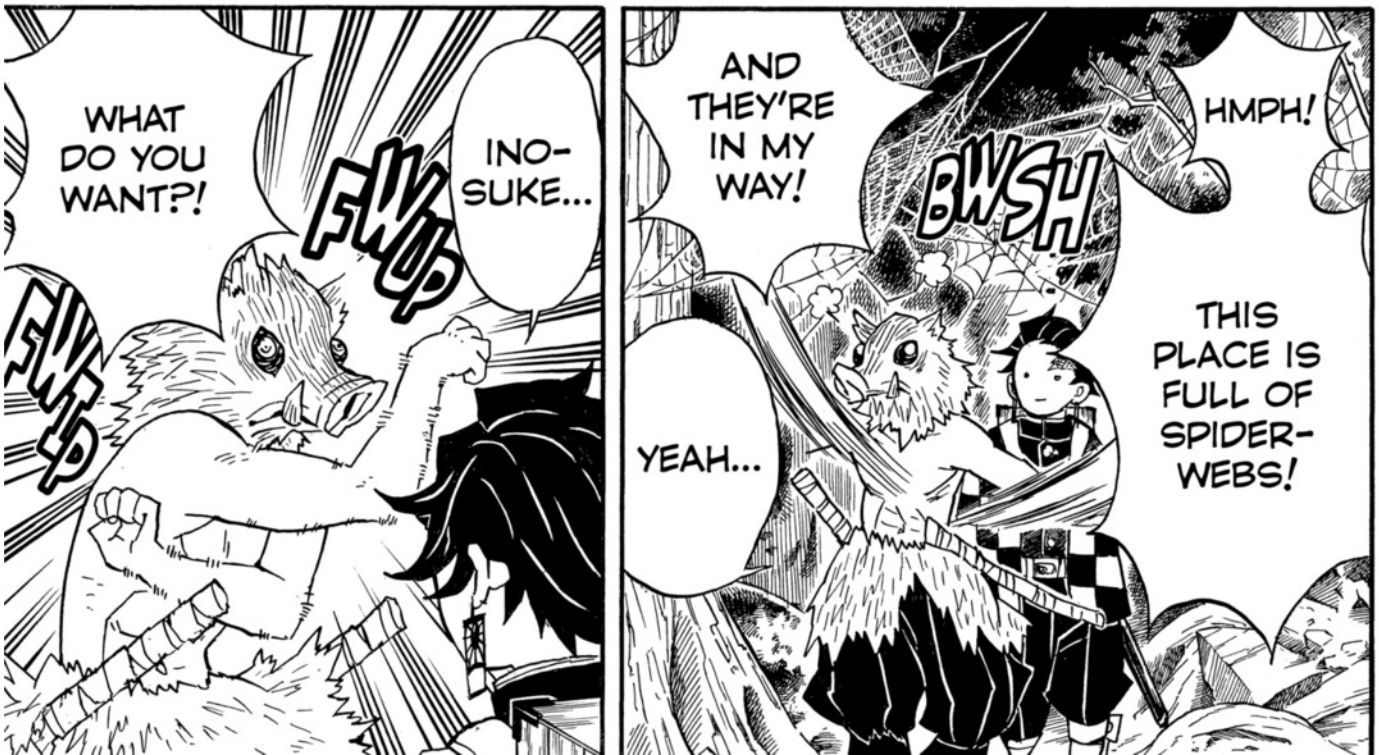
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

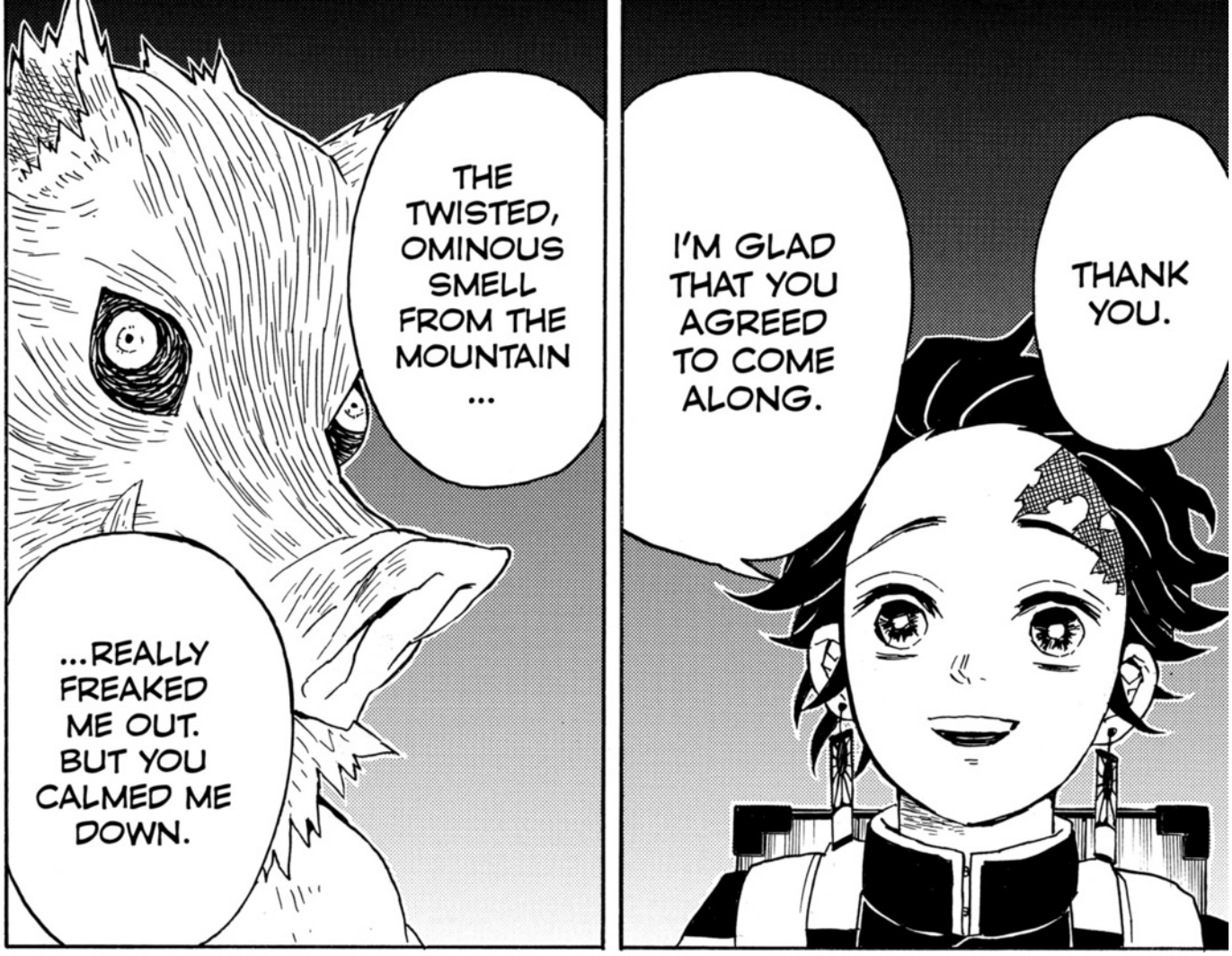

I'M GOING IN THERE!
I...
I'M...

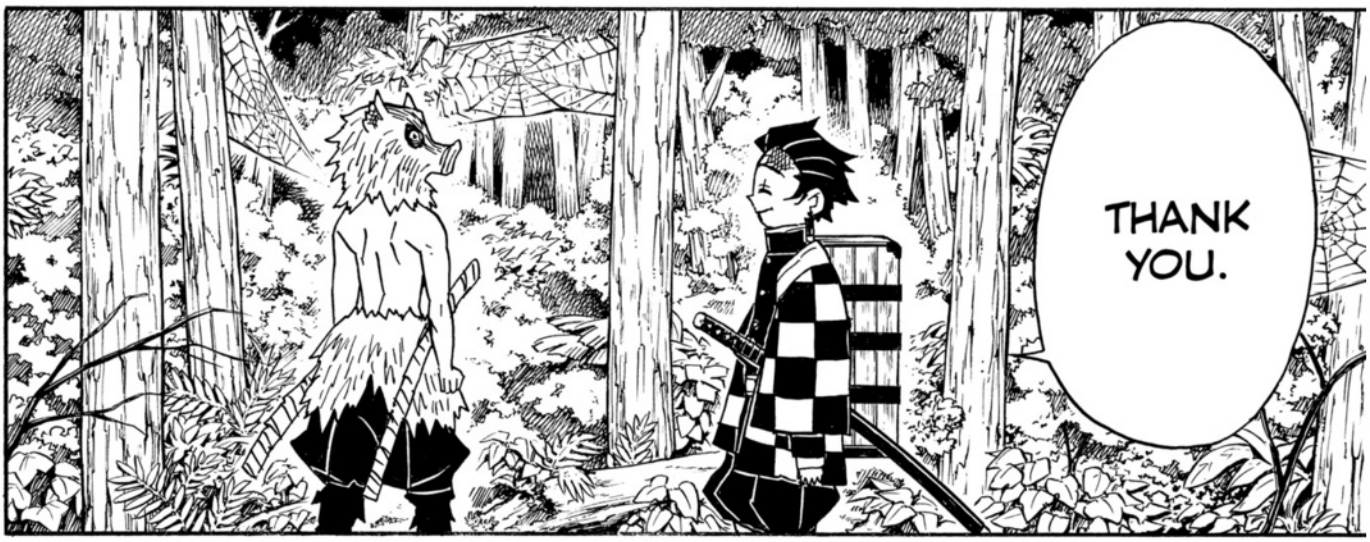
STOMP
ME FIRST!
YOU CAN TREMBLE IN FEAR AND FOLLOW BEHIND!

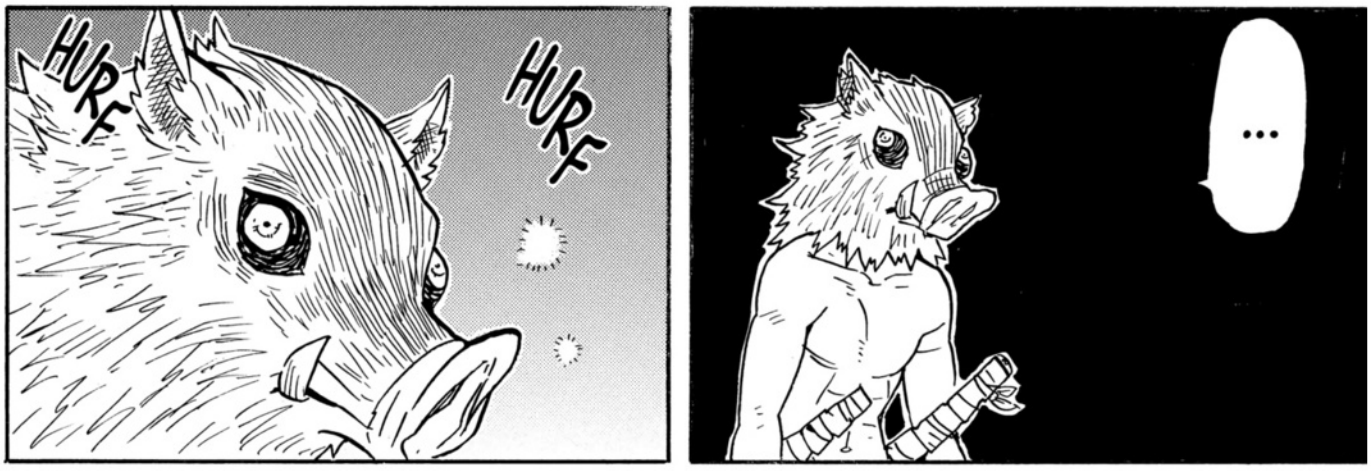
I'M HUNGRY!

TREMBLE
SHAKE
HE MEANS HE'S HUNGRY FOR BATTLE.
WHAT ...?


WHAT DO YOU WANT?!
INO-SUKE...
FWIP
FWIP
AND THEY'RE IN MY WAY!
BWSH
HMPH!
THIS PLACE IS FULL OF SPIDER-WEBS!
YEAH...


THANK YOU.
I'M GLAD THAT YOU AGREED TO COME ALONG.
THE TWISTED, OMINOUS SMELL FROM THE MOUNTAIN ...
...REALLY FREAKED ME OUT. BUT YOU CALMED ME DOWN.


THANK YOU.


...
HURF
HURF

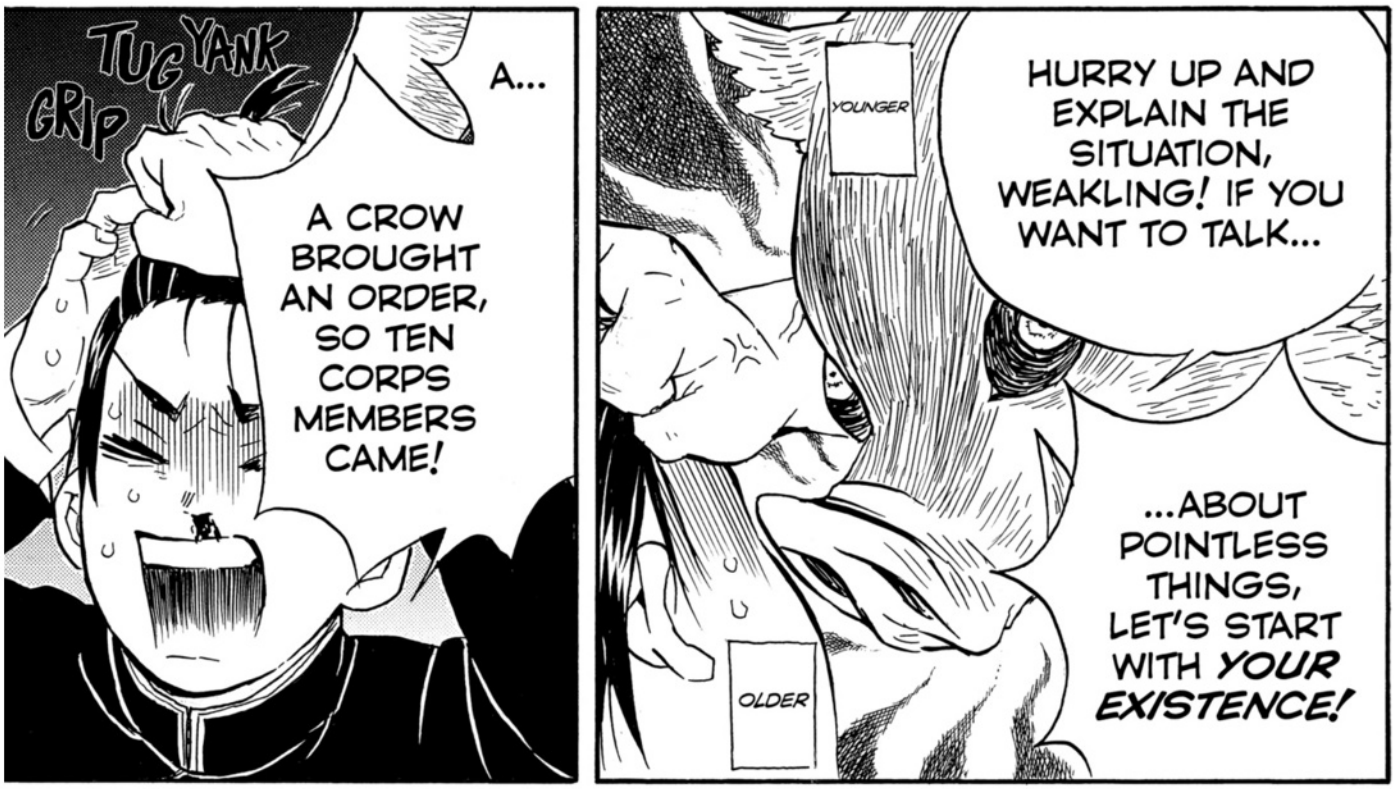
YOUR CLOTHES ARE VERY DIRTY. LET ME WASH THEM FOR YOU.
I'LL BRING THEM BACK. PLEASE WEAR THESE FOR NOW.
THEY HAVE A NICE TEXTURE, SO THEY'LL FEEL GOOD.
LET'S HAVE TEMPURA FOR DINNER. YES...THAT FOOD WITH BATTER ON IT.

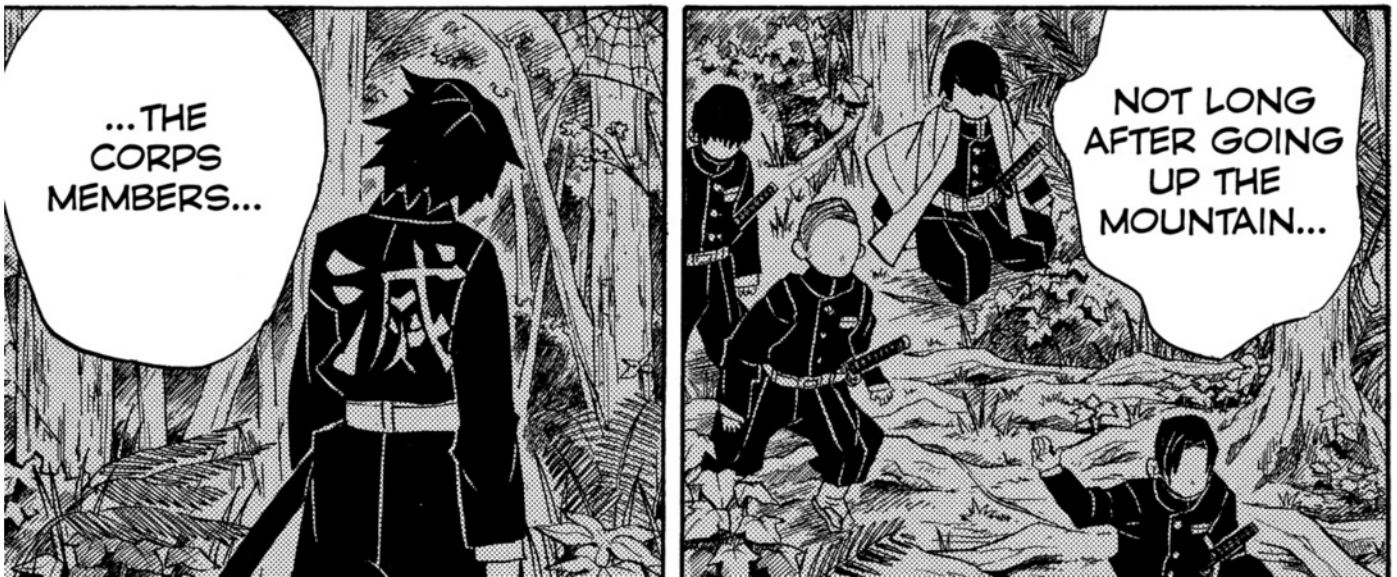
HURF
HURF

!!
INO-SUKE.

HUH!
I'M TANJIRO KAMADO, RANK MIZUNOTO.
I'VE COME TO HELP.
SLASH
MIZU-NOTO ...?!
MIZU-NOTO ...
IT WON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE!
THERE'S NO POINT!
NOT A HASHIRA?! IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY MIZUNOTO COME!

SHUT UP!
INO-SUKE!
GRAB
THOK


TUG
YANK
GRIP
A...
A CROW BROUGHT AN ORDER, SO TEN CORPS MEMBERS CAME!
YOUNGER
HURRY UP AND EXPLAIN THE SITUATION, WEAKLING! IF YOU WANT TO TALK...
OLDER
...ABOUT POINTLESS THINGS, LET'S START WITH *YOUR EXISTENCE!*

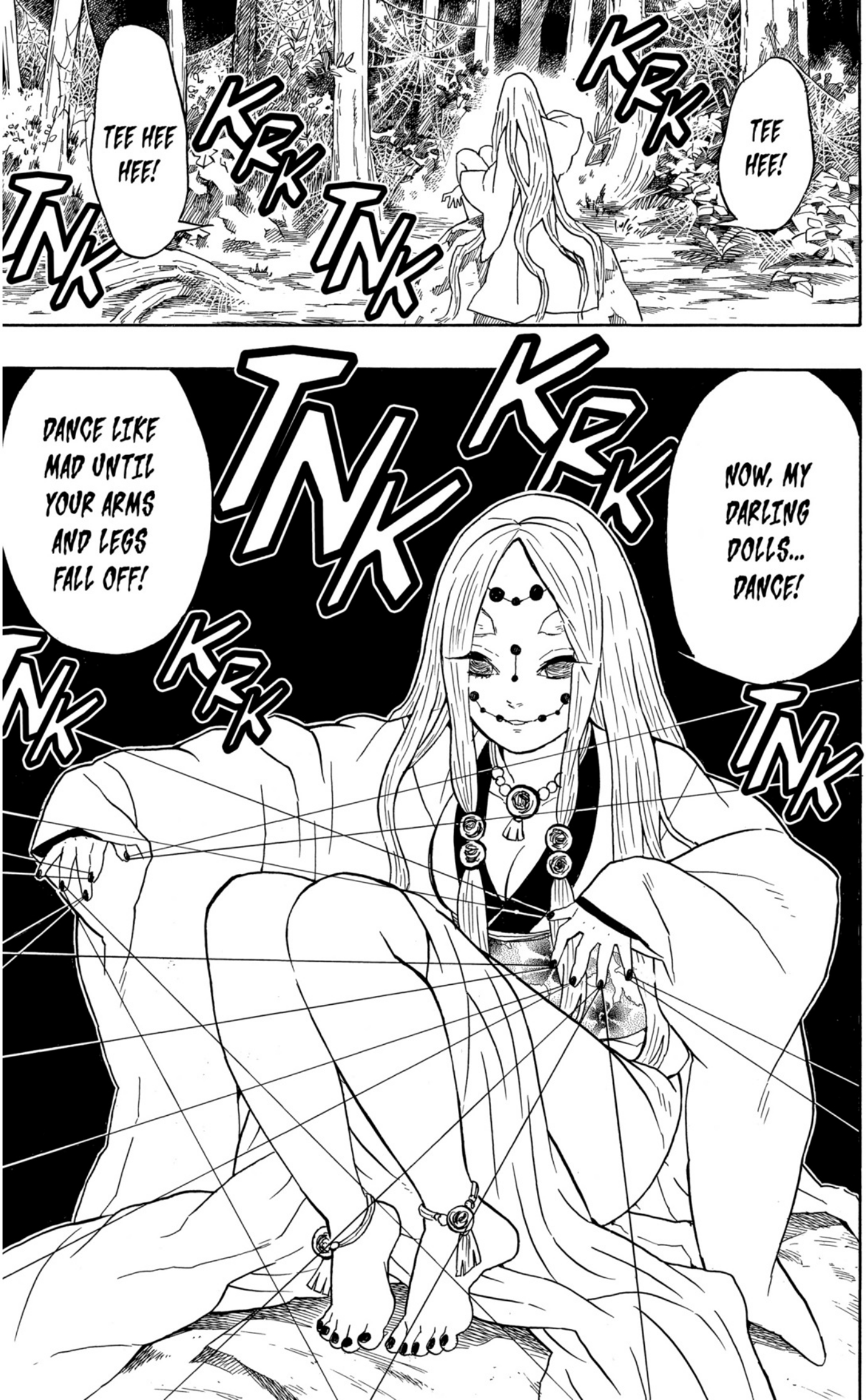

...THE CORPS MEMBERS...
滅
NOT LONG AFTER GOING UP THE MOUNTAIN...

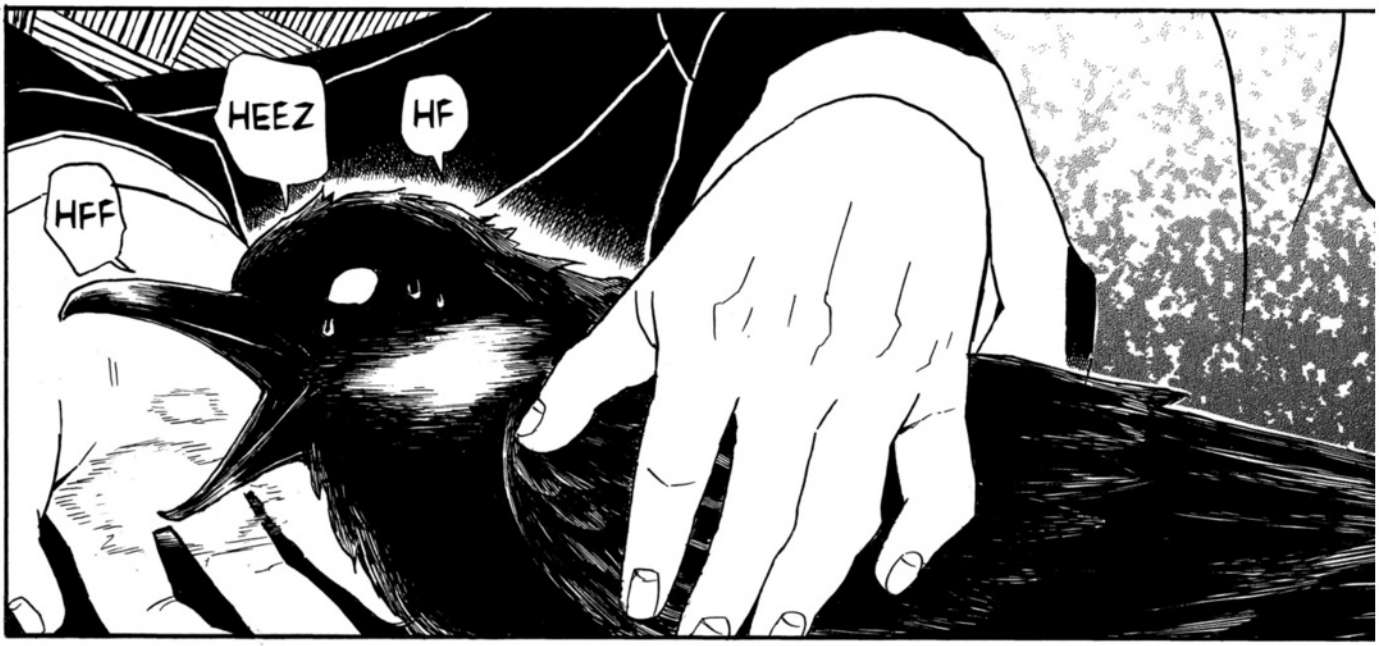
...BEGAN KILLING EACH OTHER!

KRK TNK
TNK
KRK

STAGGER
SHUFFLE

AH!


TEE HEE!
TEE HEE HEE!
KRK
KRK
TNK
TNK
NOW, MY DARLING DOLLS... DANCE!
DANCE LIKE MAD UNTIL YOUR ARMS AND LEGS FALL OFF!
TNK
KRK
KRK
TNK
TNK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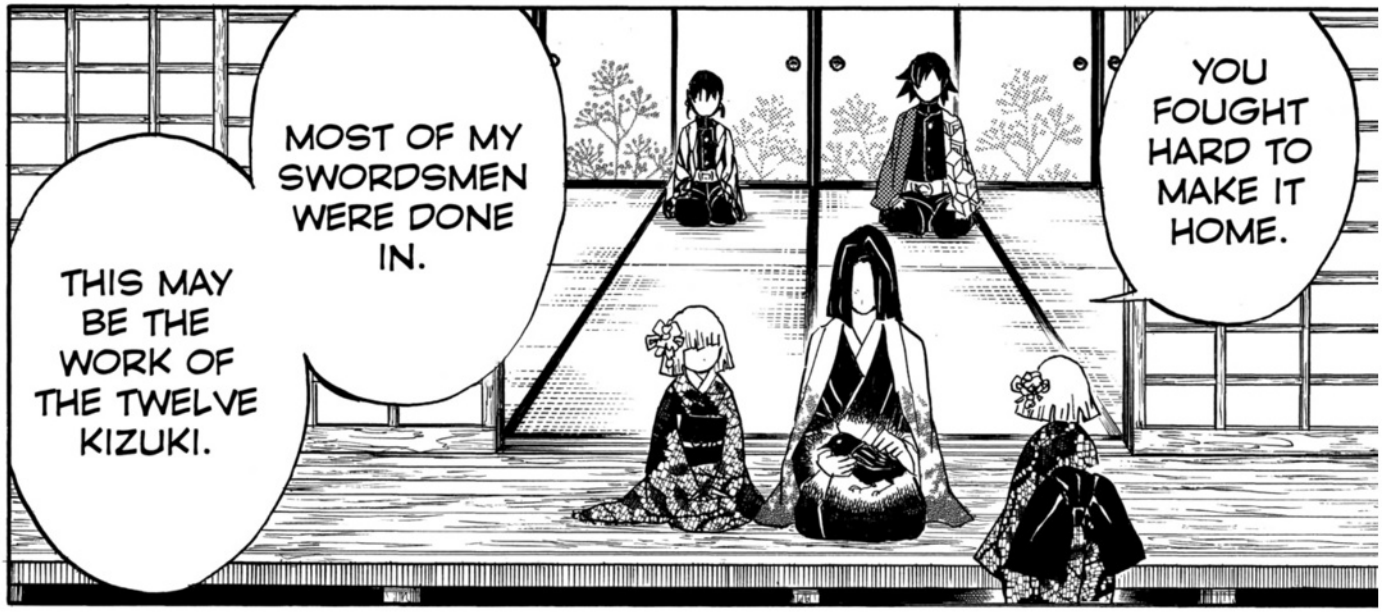
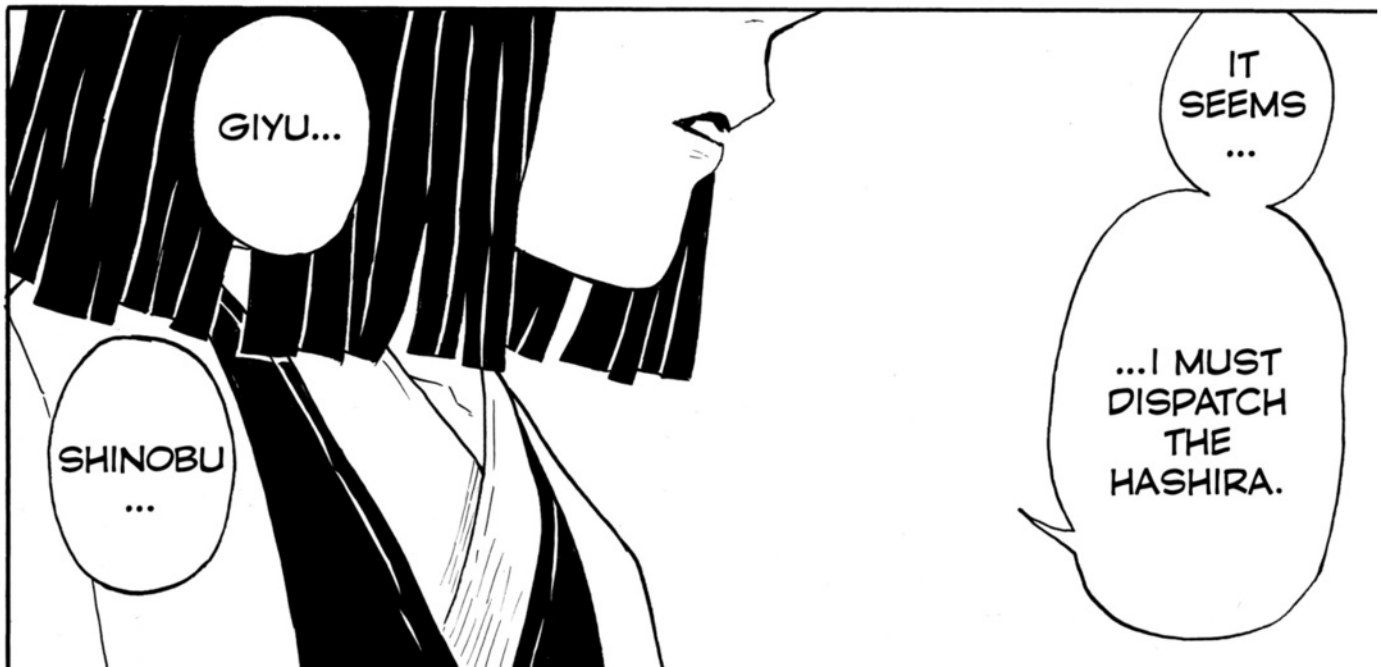
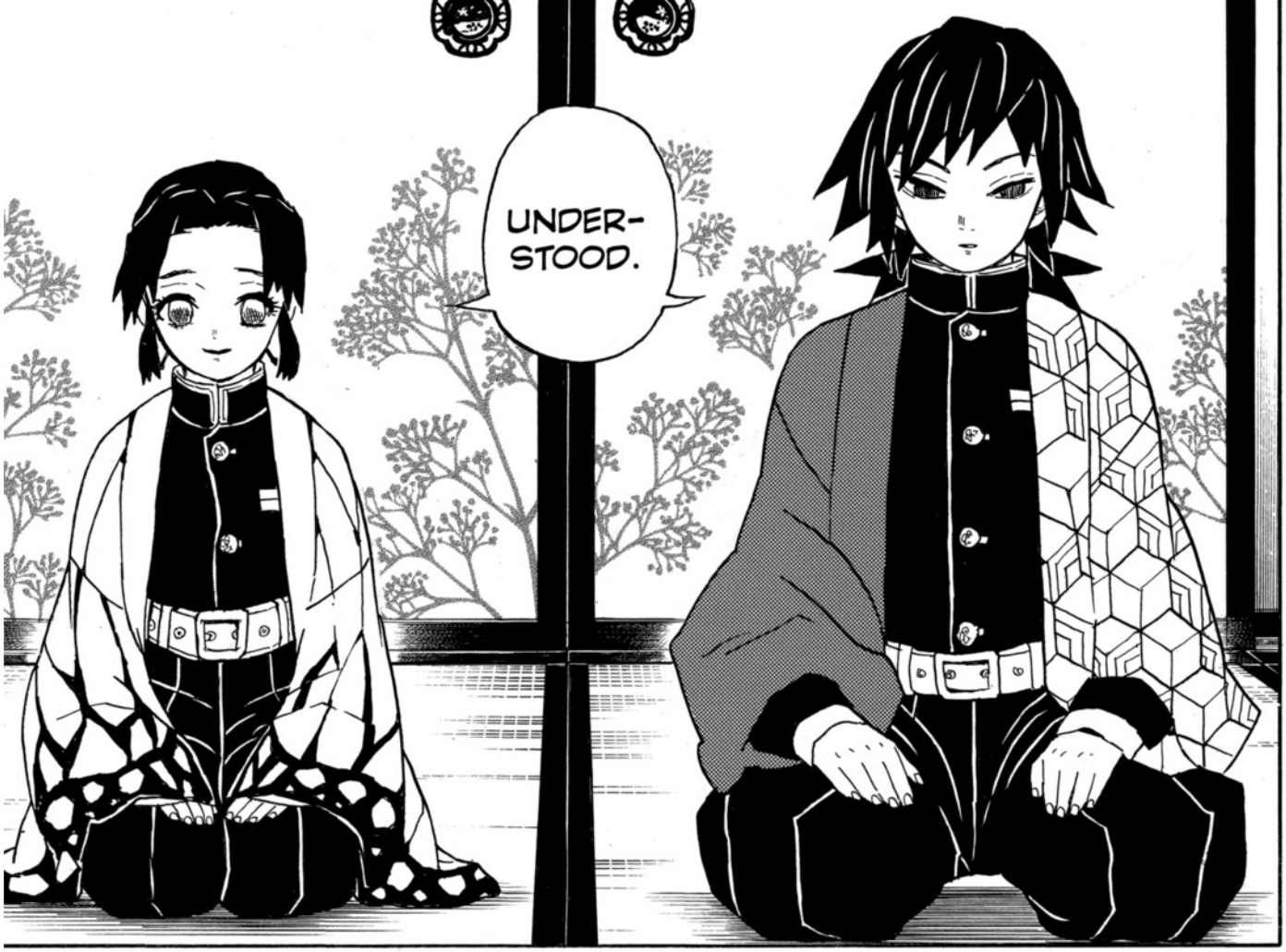
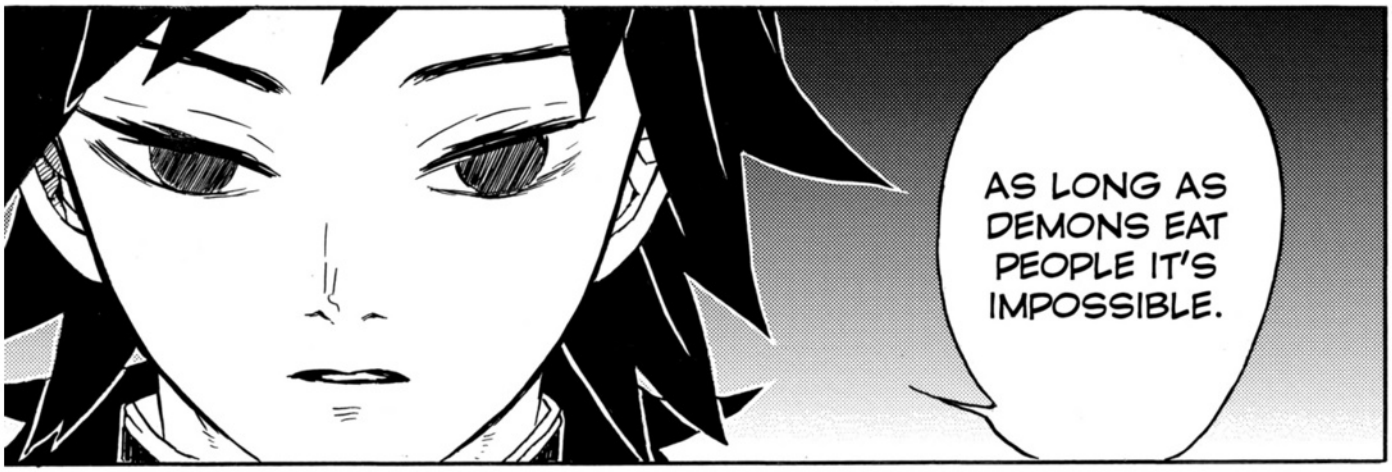
HF
HFF


YOU FOUGHT HARD TO MAKE IT HOME.
MOST OF MY SWORDSMEN WERE DONE IN.
THIS MAY BE THE WORK OF THE TWELVE KIZUKI.


IT SEEMS ...
...I MUST DISPATCH THE HASHIRA.
GIYU...
SHINOBU ...


UNDER-
STOOD.

IT WOULD BE SO NICE IF HUMANS AND DEMONS COULD GET ALONG.
DON'T YOU AGREE, TOMI-OKA?

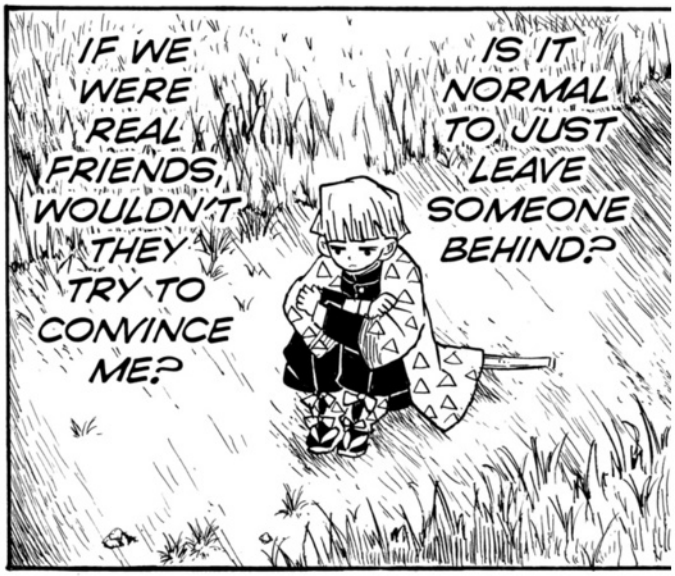

AS LONG AS DEMONS EAT PEOPLE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

HEY, HEY...
HEY, TOMIOKA?
HEY...
DON'T YOU THINK?
POKE POKE
IT'D BE NICE IF WE GOT ALONG...
BUT...
HEY ...

CHAPTER 29: MOUNT NATAGUMO

DO THEY...
...HATE ME?

...I WOULD HAVE GONE.
IF TWO OF THEM HAD ASKED...


IS IT NORMAL TO JUST LEAVE SOMEONE BEHIND?
IF WE WERE REAL FRIENDS, WOULDN'T THEY TRY TO CONVINCE ME?

CHIRP
CHIRP

CHIRP
CHIRP

DID THEY EVEN CARE HOW I FELT, BEING LEFT BEHIND?

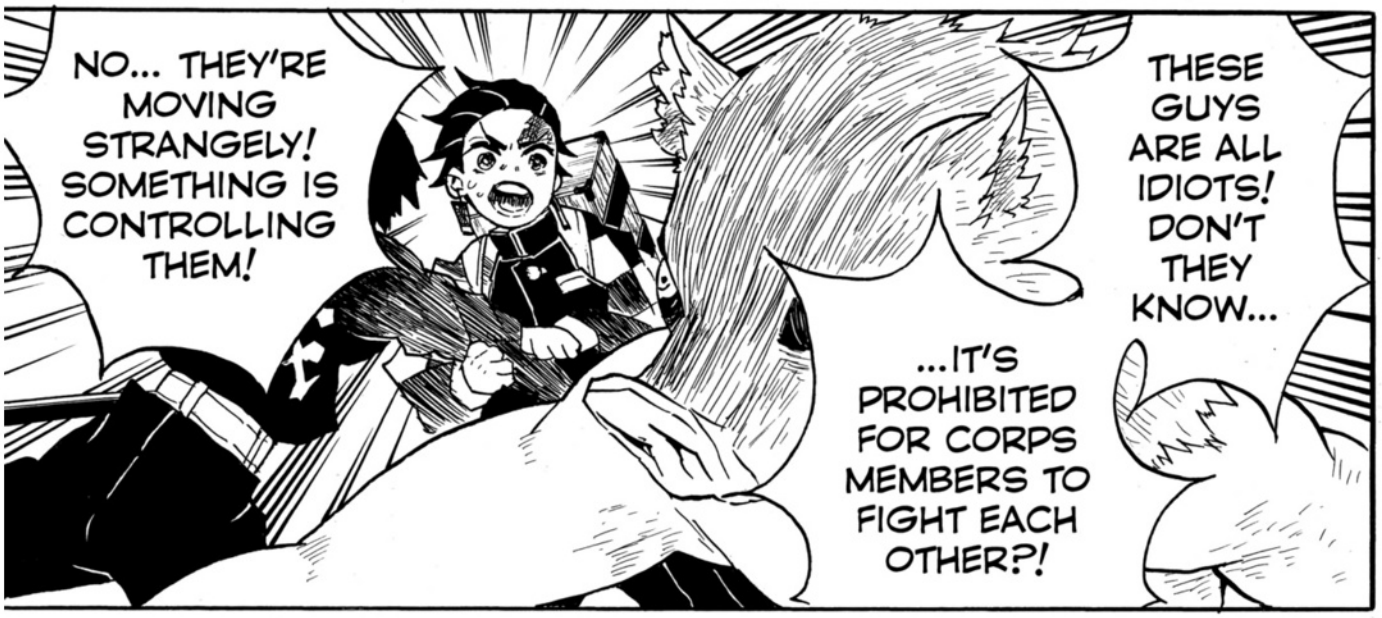
BUT THE THREE OF THEM WENT UP THAT SCARY MOUNTAIN...
...IN A HURRY.

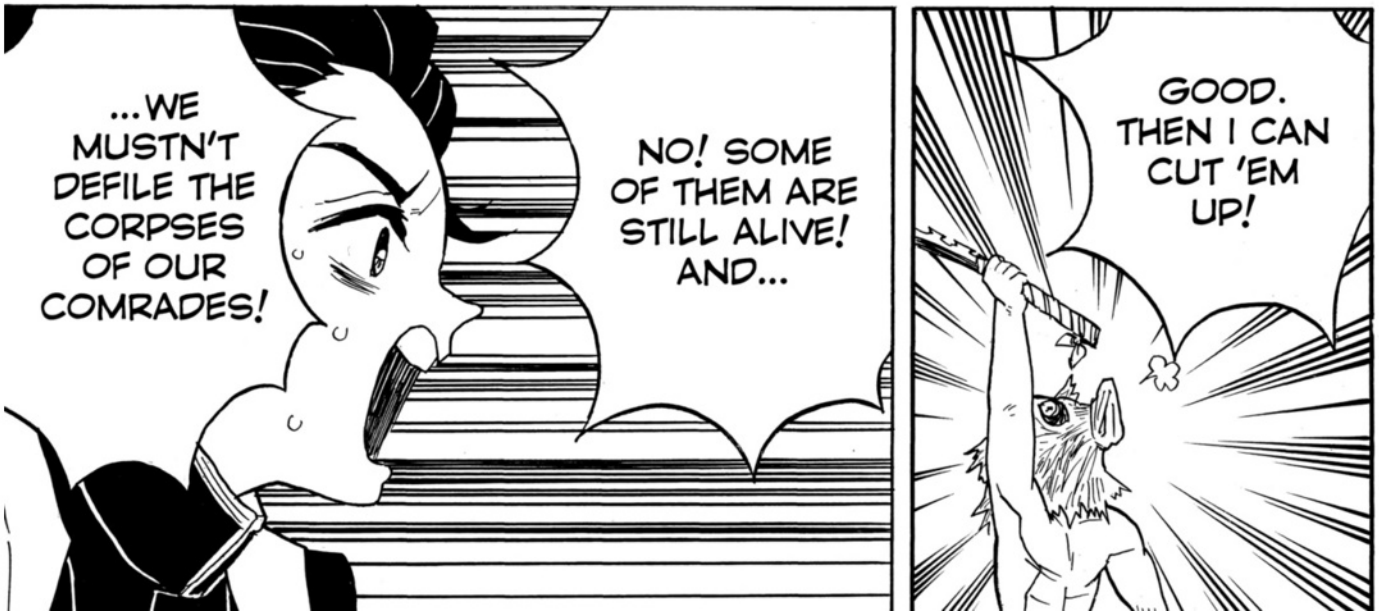
YOW OW OW OW OW!
PECK TUG
I ENVY HOW RELAXED YOU ARE.
YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND A THING ABOUT HUMANITY.
SIGH
HE DOESN'T KNOW BIRD LANGUAGE.
!!
CHIRP
(Sulking doesn't do any good!)
CHIRP
(Go help your friends! Quickly!)

AAAAAGH! THAT GUY!
HE HAS NEZUKO WITH HIM!
NOT CUTE AT ALL!
HEY! YOU'RE NOT BEING VERY CUTE!
FWIP FWAP
...IS JUST A PAIN IN THE NECK!
THAT DEMON NEZUKO IS CUTE, BUT A BIRD LIKE YOU...
HMPH

FWOOSH
YOU IDIOT! YOU DON'T TAKE A GIRL SOMEPLACE DANGEROUS! MORON!
TANJIRO, YOU JERK!
WHY DID HE TAKE MY NEZUKO AWAY?!
KRK KNK TNK
NEZU-KOOO!
NEZU-KO!
TMP TMP TMP
TNK TNK TNK

WOOSH
SWISH
HA HAAA!
AH HA HA HA HA!

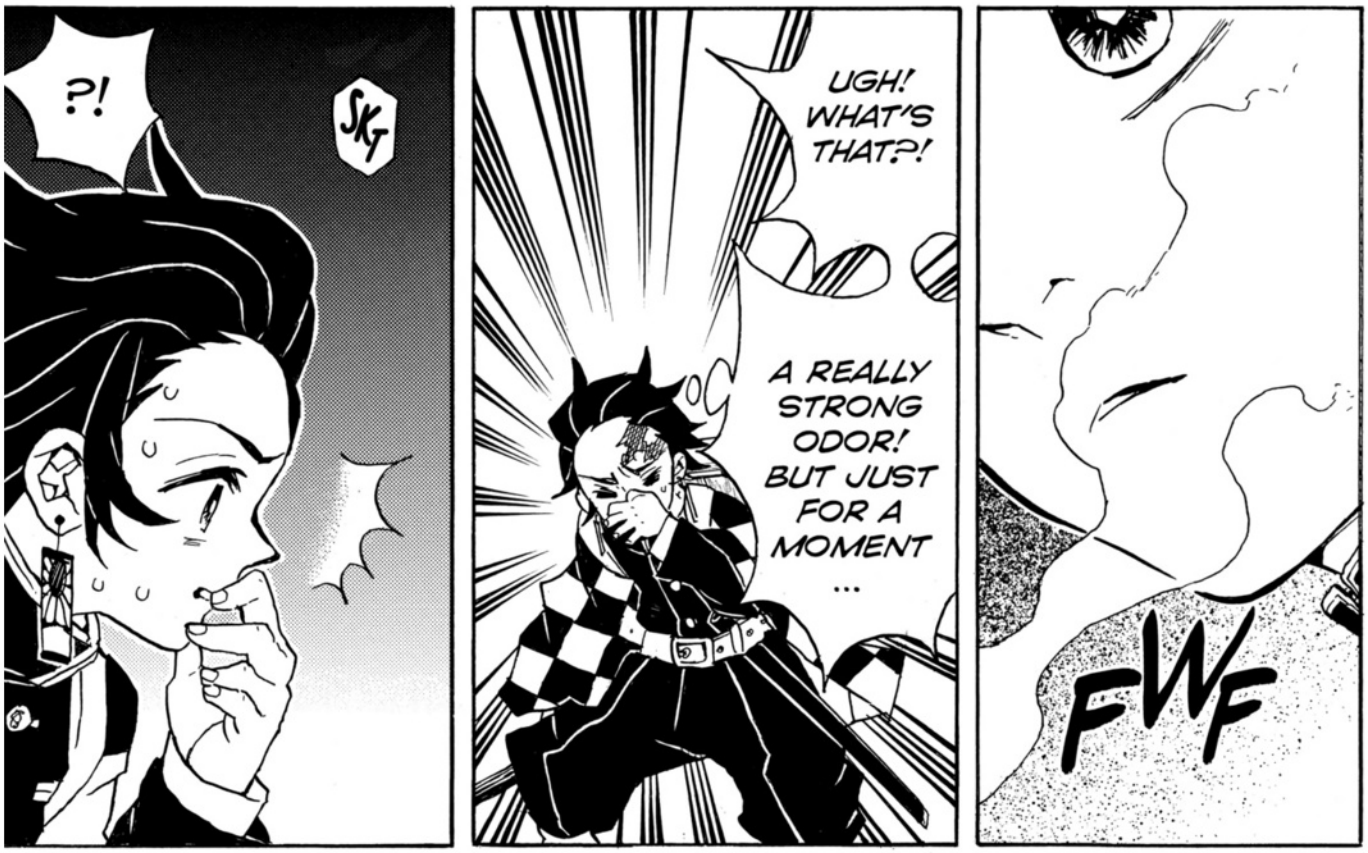

NO... THEY'RE MOVING STRANGELY! SOMETHING IS CONTROLLING THEM!
THESE GUYS ARE ALL IDIOTS! DON'T THEY KNOW...
...IT'S PROHIBITED FOR CORPS MEMBERS TO FIGHT EACH OTHER?!

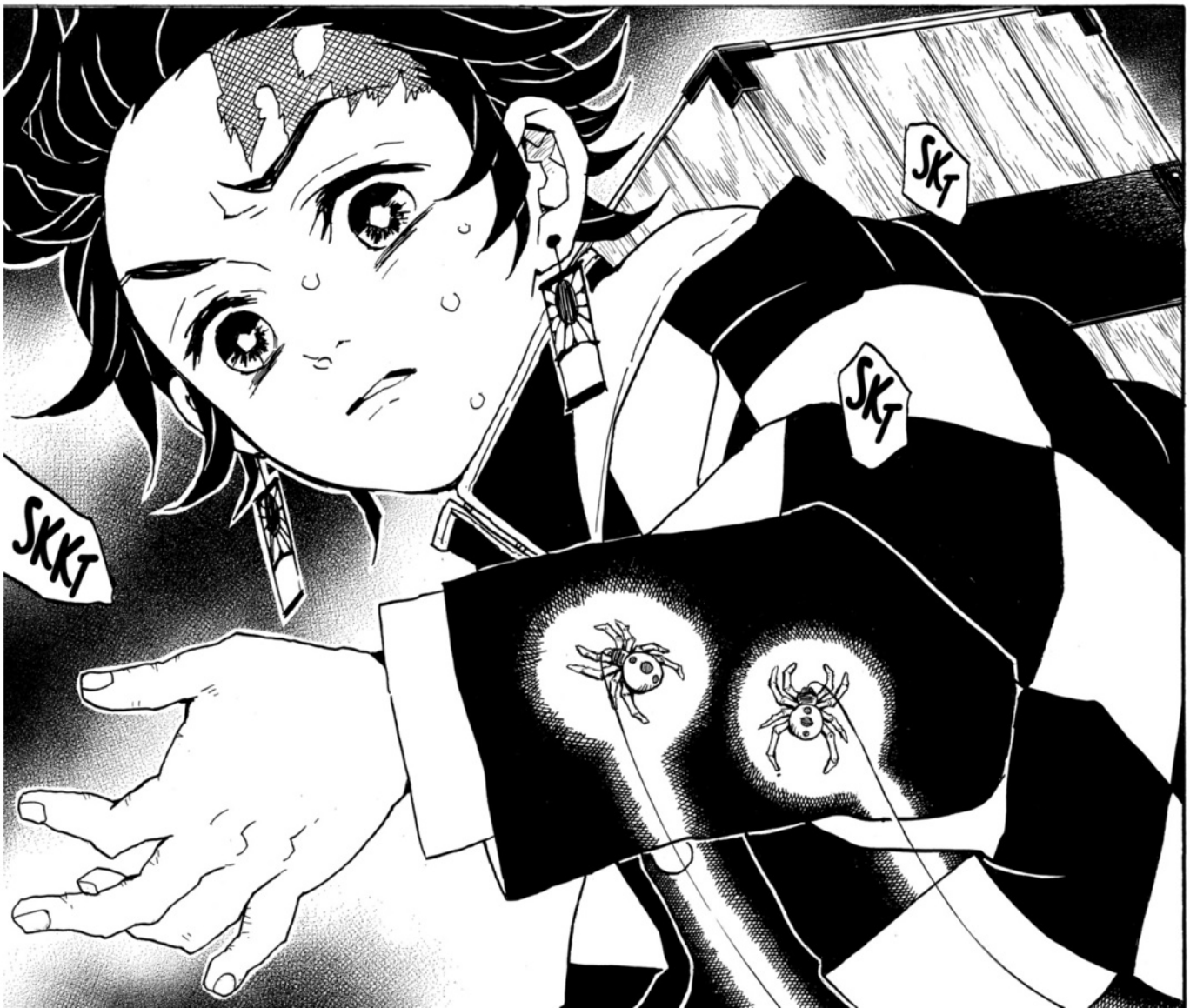

...WE MUSTN'T DEFILE THE CORPSES OF OUR COMRADES!
NO! SOME OF THEM ARE STILL ALIVE! AND...
GOOD. THEN I CAN CUT 'EM UP!

GRAAAH!
RAW
STOP BOSSING ME AROUND!
WHAM

SLASH SLASH
SNIFF
!
BEHIND ME! A SWEET... UNSET-TLING SMELL!
SNIP SNAP
THEY'RE BEING MANIPULATED BY THE THREADS!
CUT THE THREADS!
THUD

WELL SURE! I SAW THAT BEFORE YOU DID!
滅
WHERE ...?
WHERE'S THE DEMON...
...THAT'S CON-TROLLING THEM?!


?!
SKT
UGH! WHAT'S THAT?!
A REALLY STRONG ODOR! BUT JUST FOR A MOMENT ...
FWF


SKT
SKT
SKKT

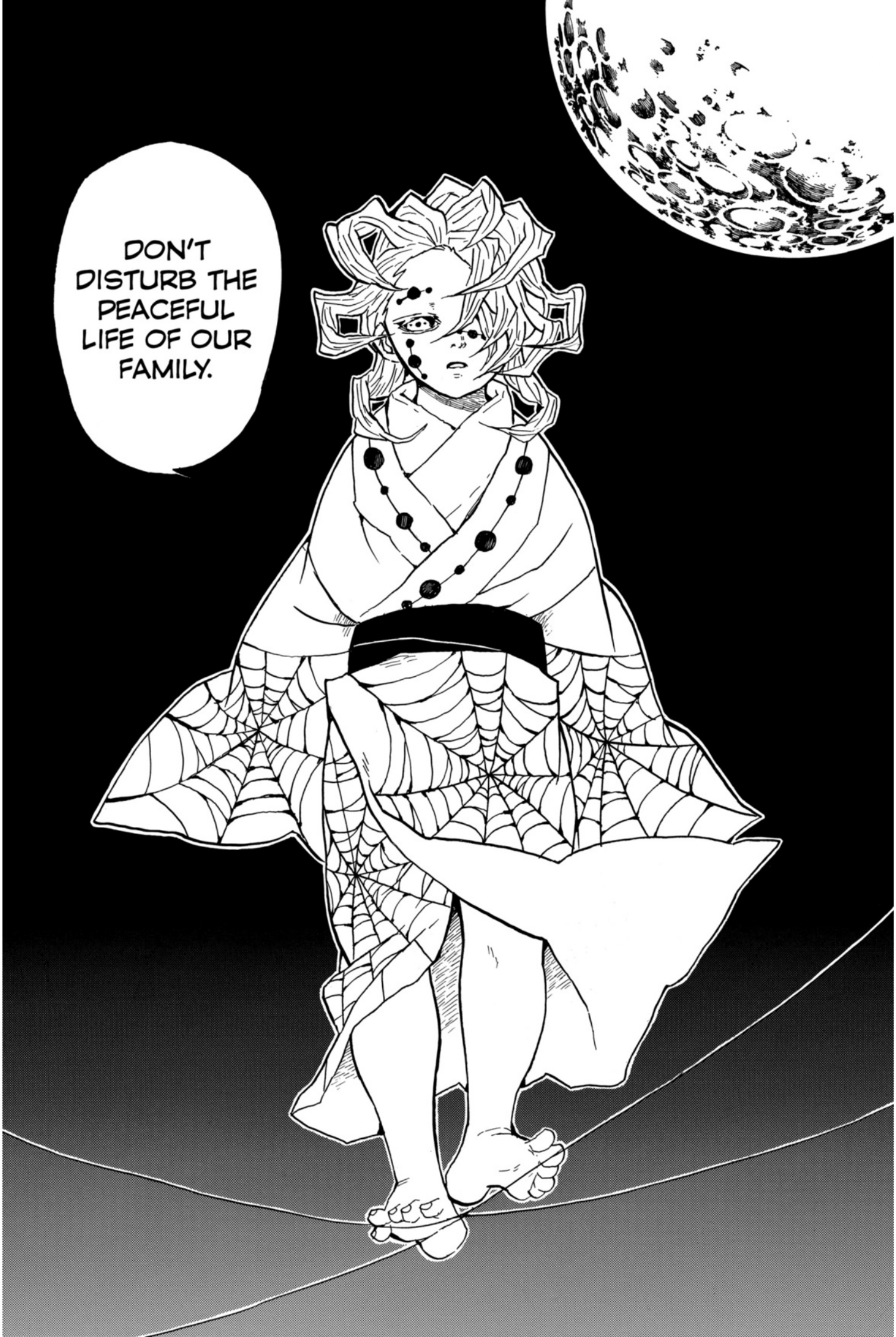
YA
NK
SLOSH
SPIDERS ?
IS THE SPIDER THREAD CONTROLLING THEM?
KRK TNK KRK
!
THEN THAT MUST MEAN...

TWIT
TWIT

UGH!
THAT SMELL AGAIN!
IT'S ON THE WIND, BUT WHAT IS IT?!
...THE SPIDERS WILL JUST SPIN MORE!
IT'S NOT ENOUGH JUST TO CUT THE THREADS...
SO...

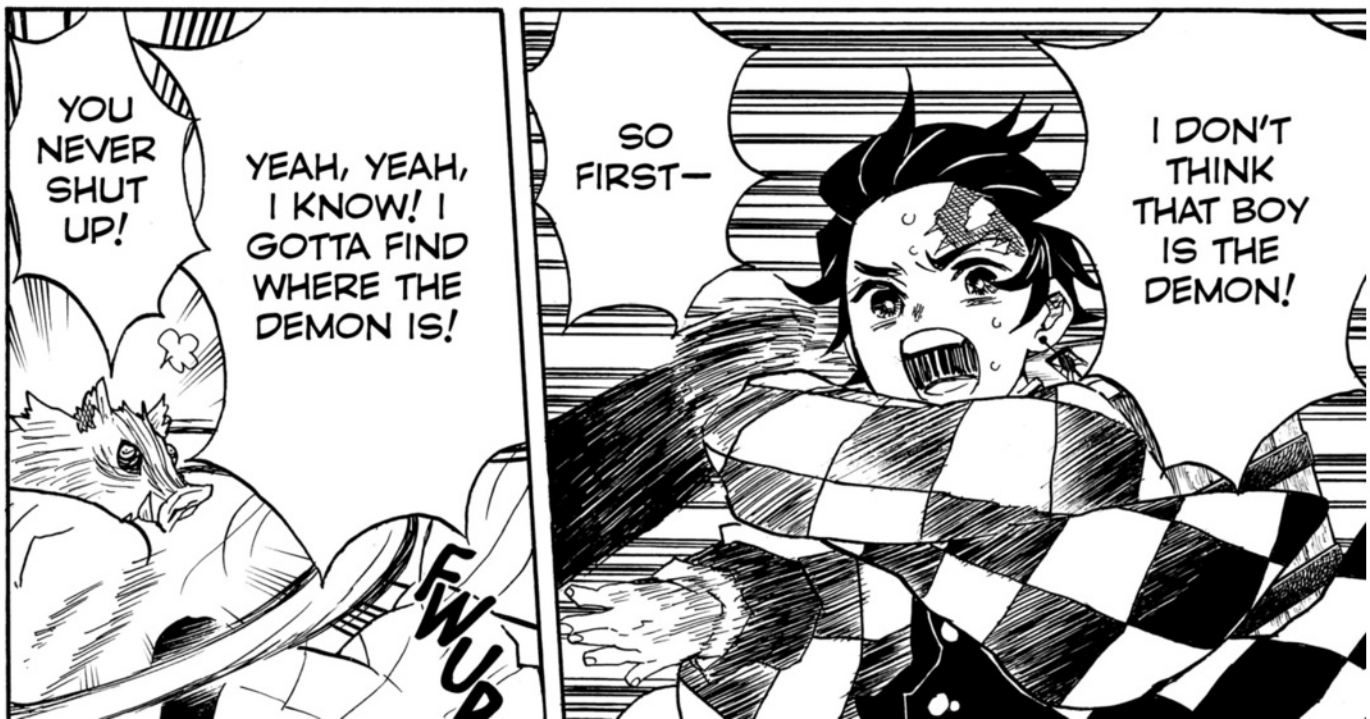
THEN WE JUST GOTTA KILL ALL THESE SPIDERS!
SWIPE
UP
IMPOSSIBLE! SPIDERS ARE TINY! THERE MUST BE HUNDREDS OF THEM!
WE HAVE TO FIND THE DEMON CONTROLLING THEM!
BUT WITH THIS WIND BLOWING, I CAN'T SNIFF THEM OUT!
INOSUKE! IF YOU HAVE SOME WAY TO PINPOINT THE LOCATION OF THE DEMON...
...THEN DO IT!
SNIFF
SNIFF
AND, UM...
MU-RATA!
SNNG
MU-RATA!

INO-SUKE, YOU HAVE TO—
MURATA AND I WILL DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE PEOPLE BEING CONTROLLED!
HWoo
FWSH


DON'T DISTURB THE PEACEFUL LIFE OF OUR FAMILY.

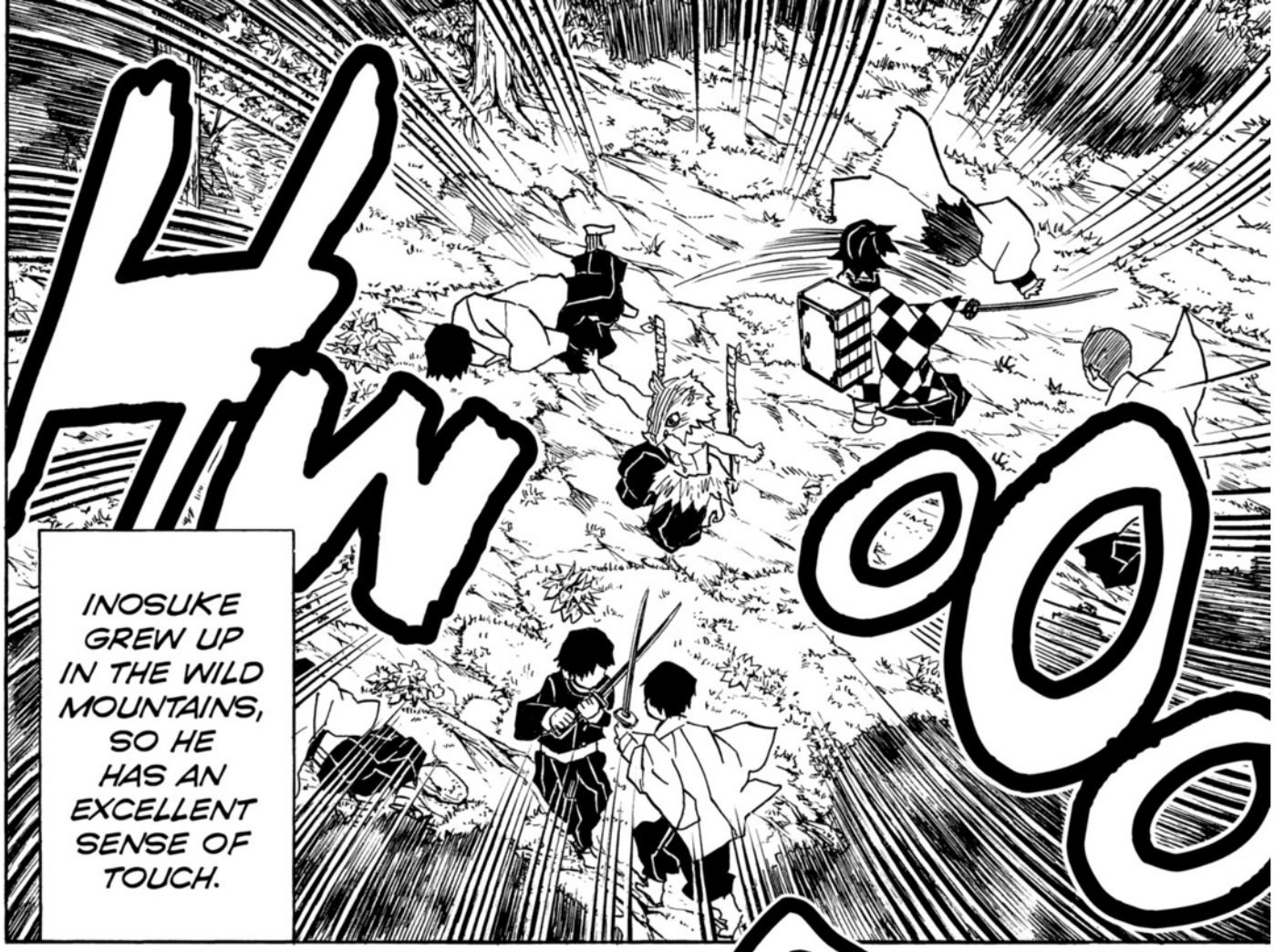
MOTHER WILL WASTE NO TIME...
FAMILY ?
IS HE FLOATING ?!
NO... HE'S STANDING ON THREADS!
...KILLING YOU!
GRAH!
HUP
MOTHER ?!

DAMN! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
FIGHT ME! FIGHT ME!
ZWSH
FWUD
... SHOW UP ?!
WHY DID YOU EVEN ...
INO-SUKE!


YOU NEVER SHUT UP!
YEAH, YEAH, I KNOW! I GOTTA FIND WHERE THE DEMON IS!
FWUP
SO FIRST—
I DON'T THINK THAT BOY IS THE DEMON!

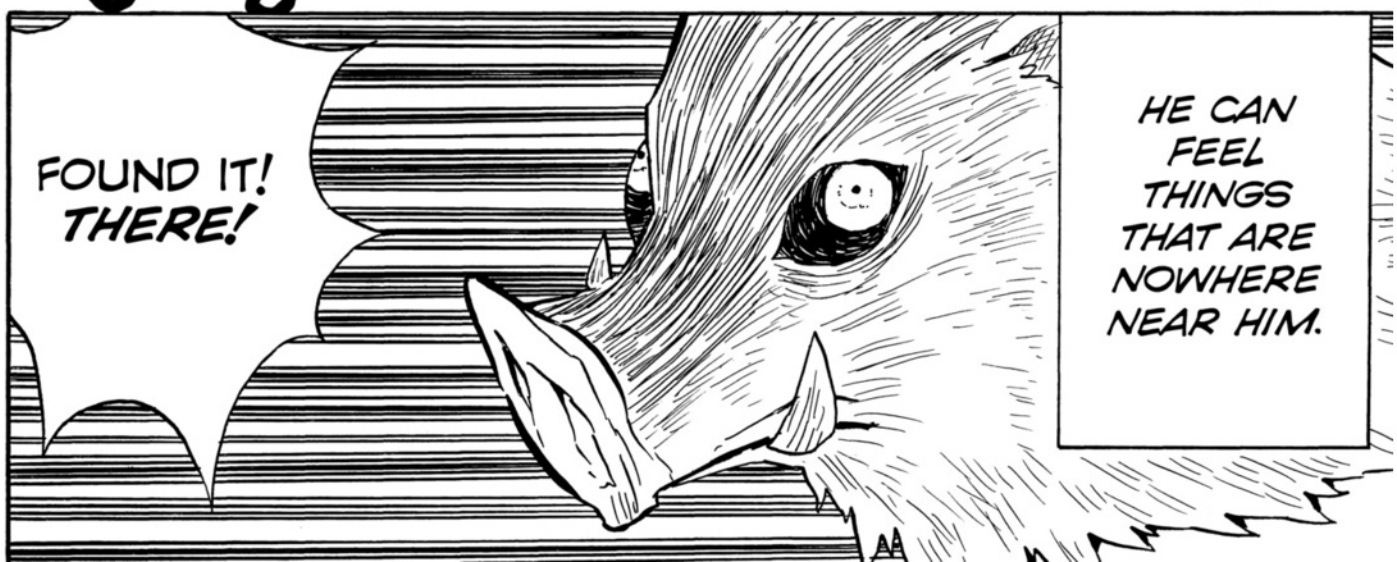
SHU

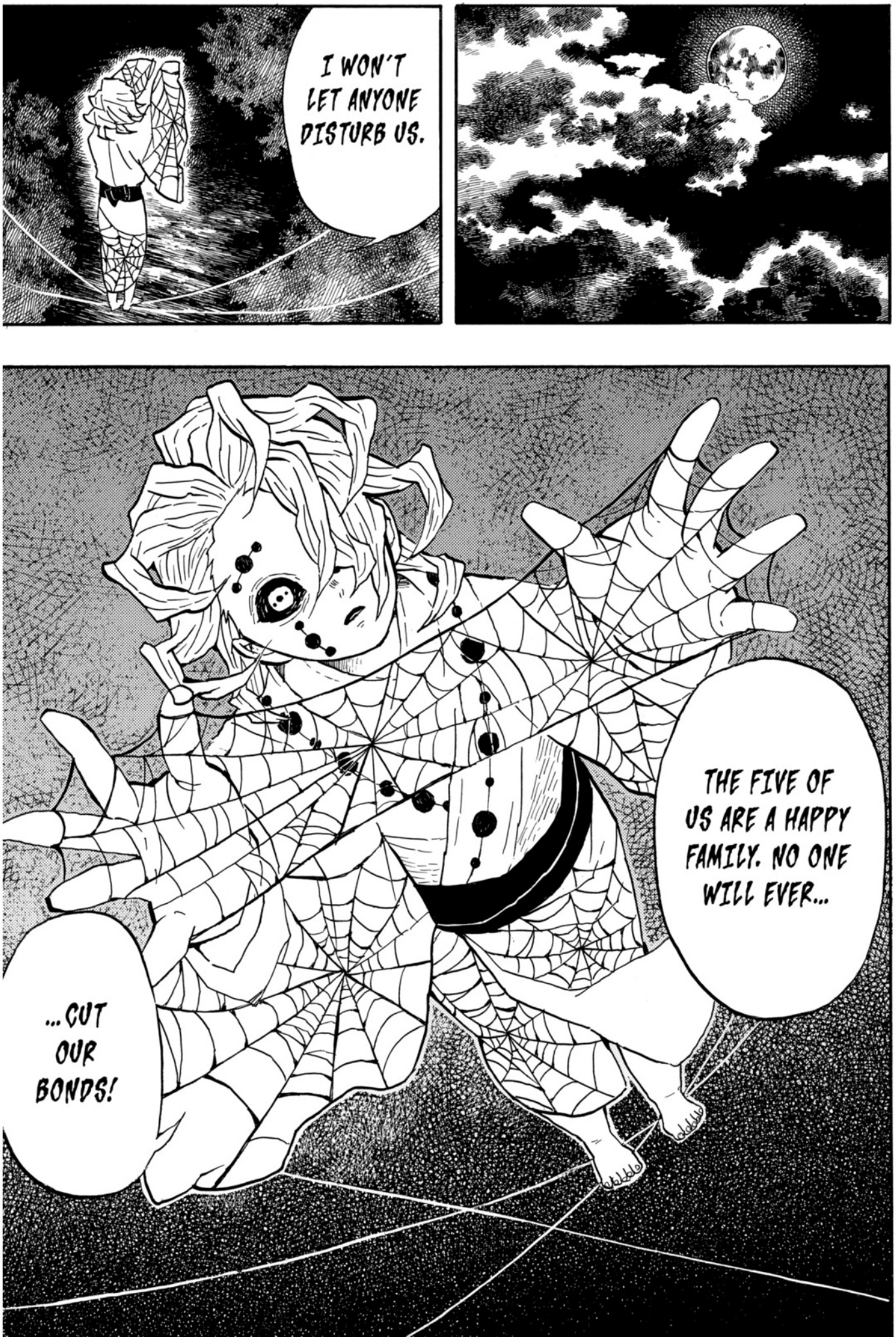
SPATIAL AWARE-NESS!!
BEAST BREATHING: SEVENTH FORM


HWOO
INOSUKE GREW UP IN THE WILD MOUNTAINS, SO HE HAS AN EXCELLENT SENSE OF TOUCH.

AAAA
...IT LETS HIM SENSE EVEN FAINT DISTURBANCES IN THE AIR.

FWAHA
PAIRED WITH HIS BEAST-STYLE BREATHING METHODS...


FOUND IT! THERE!
HE CAN FEEL THINGS THAT ARE NOWHERE NEAR HIM.


I WON'T LET ANYONE DISTURB US.
THE FIVE OF US ARE A HAPPY FAMILY. NO ONE WILL EVER...
...CUT OUR BONDS!

NEZUKOOOOOOO!
TMP
TMP
TMP

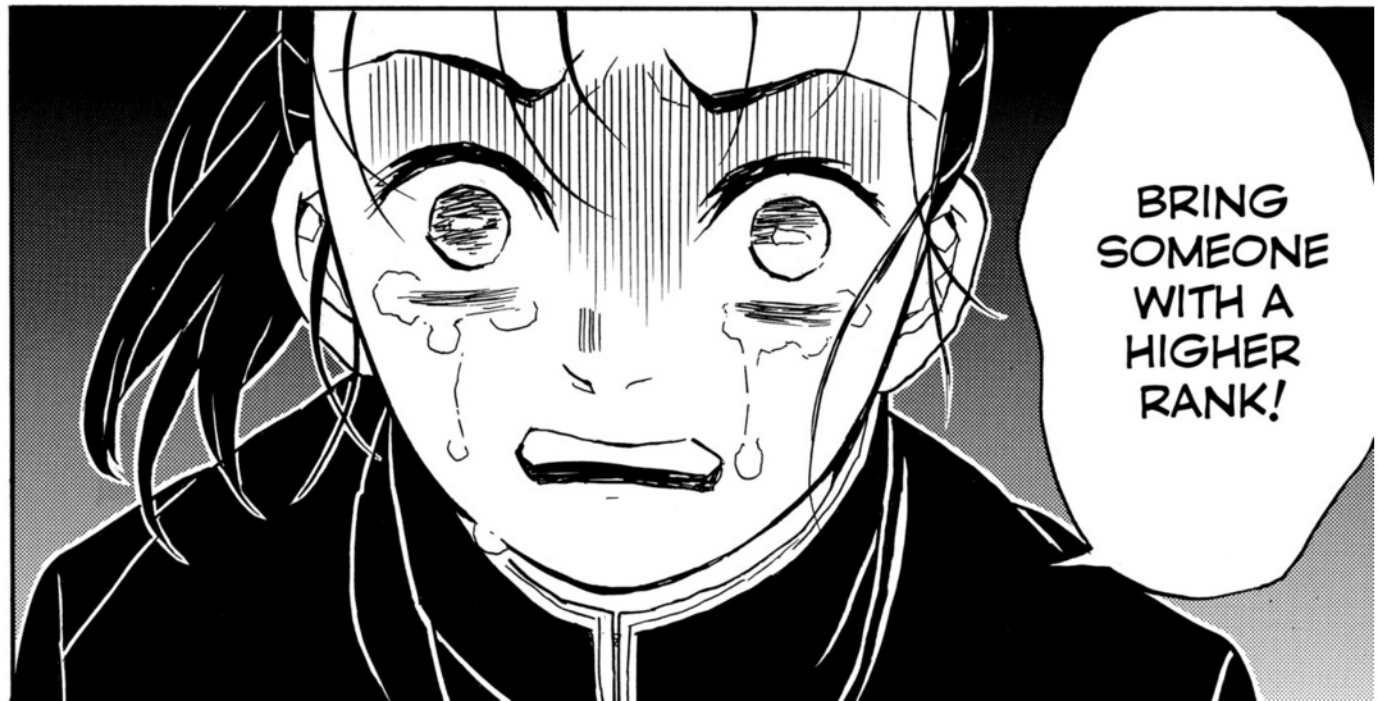
CHAPTER 30: MARIONETTES

LEAVE THIS TO ME! YOU GO AHEAD!
HUH?
WHAT'S THAT BED-WETTER TALKING ABOUT?!
WHO'S A BED-WETTER, YOU STUPID PIG?!
I WASN'T TALKING TO YOU, SO SHUT UP!
WISH
YOU SAW ME DEFEATED, BUT I'M A DEMON SLAYER CORPS SWORDSMAN TOO!
I'LL HANDLE THIS!

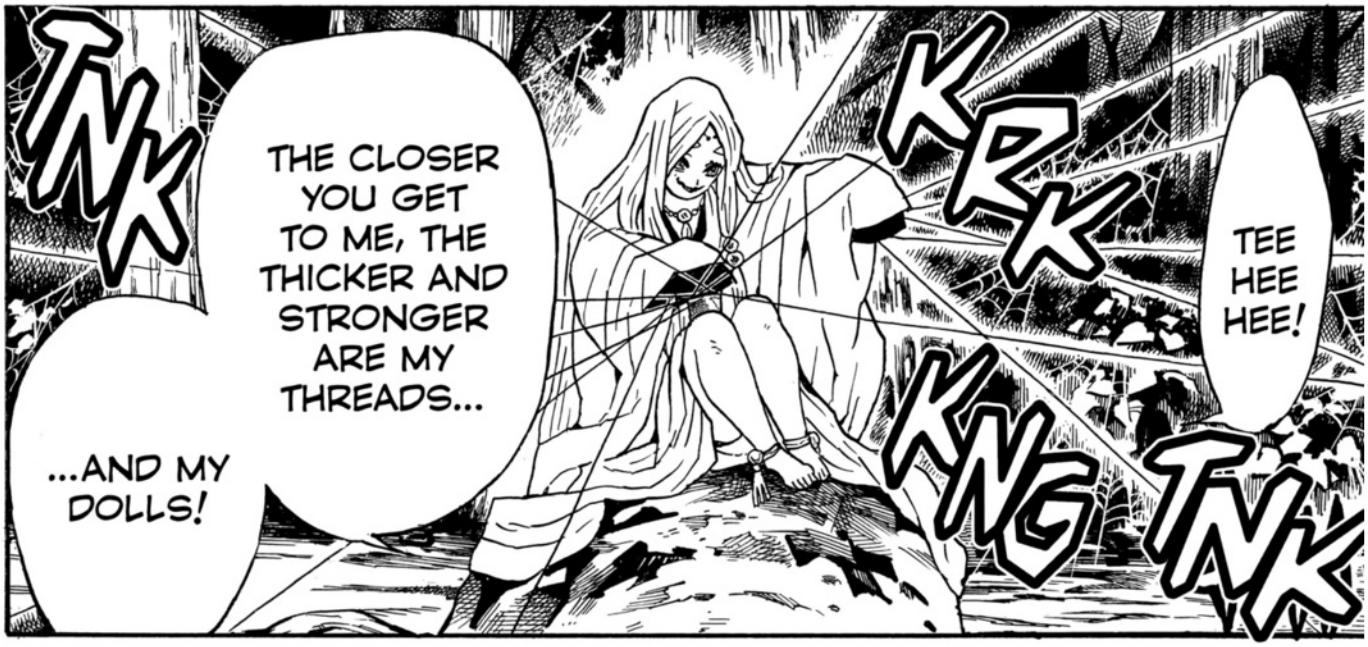
THERE ARE PROBABLY STRONGER FIGHTERS BEING CONTROLLED NEAR THE DEMON!
BOTH OF YOU GO!
...AND THE BODIES MOVE IN SIMPLE WAYS!
I KNOW THAT CUTTING THEIR THREADS WORKS...
I'LL WATCH OUT FOR SPIDERS!
KRK
TNKKNK
GOT IT! THANKS!
...
WHEN WE GET BACK, I AM SO GONNA KNOCK YOUR TEETH IN!
WHO YOU CALLIN' A PIG?!
FIRST, I'M GONNA PUNCH YOU OUT!

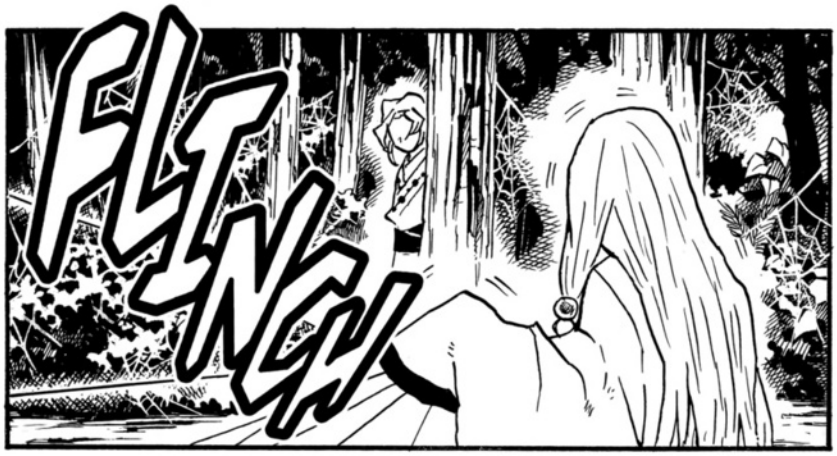
HE CALLED ME A STUPID PIG, MONJIRO!
KNOCK IT OFF, WILL YOU?!
SNORT SNORT
TMP TMP
I'M GONNA BEAT THAT CHUMP SILLY!
IT'S TANJIRO!

WHOA!
!
NO...
...DON'T COME THIS WAY.
滅

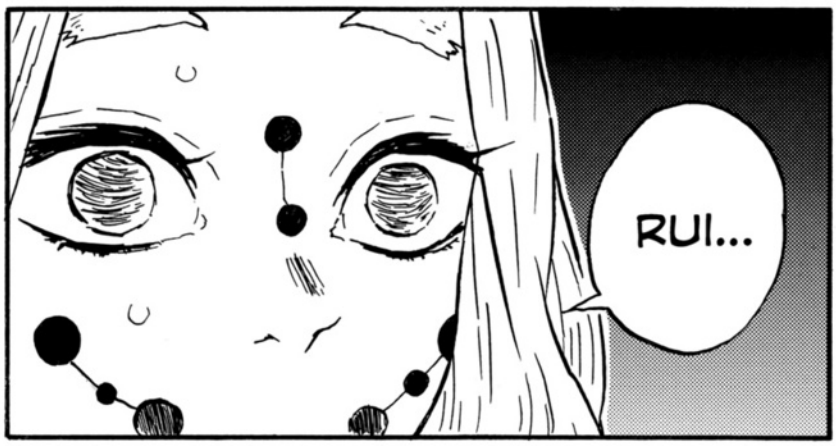

BRING SOMEONE WITH A HIGHER RANK!

KRK
TNK
IF YOU DON'T, I'LL KILL THEM ALL!
KNK
PLEASE ...
PLEASE!
KRK

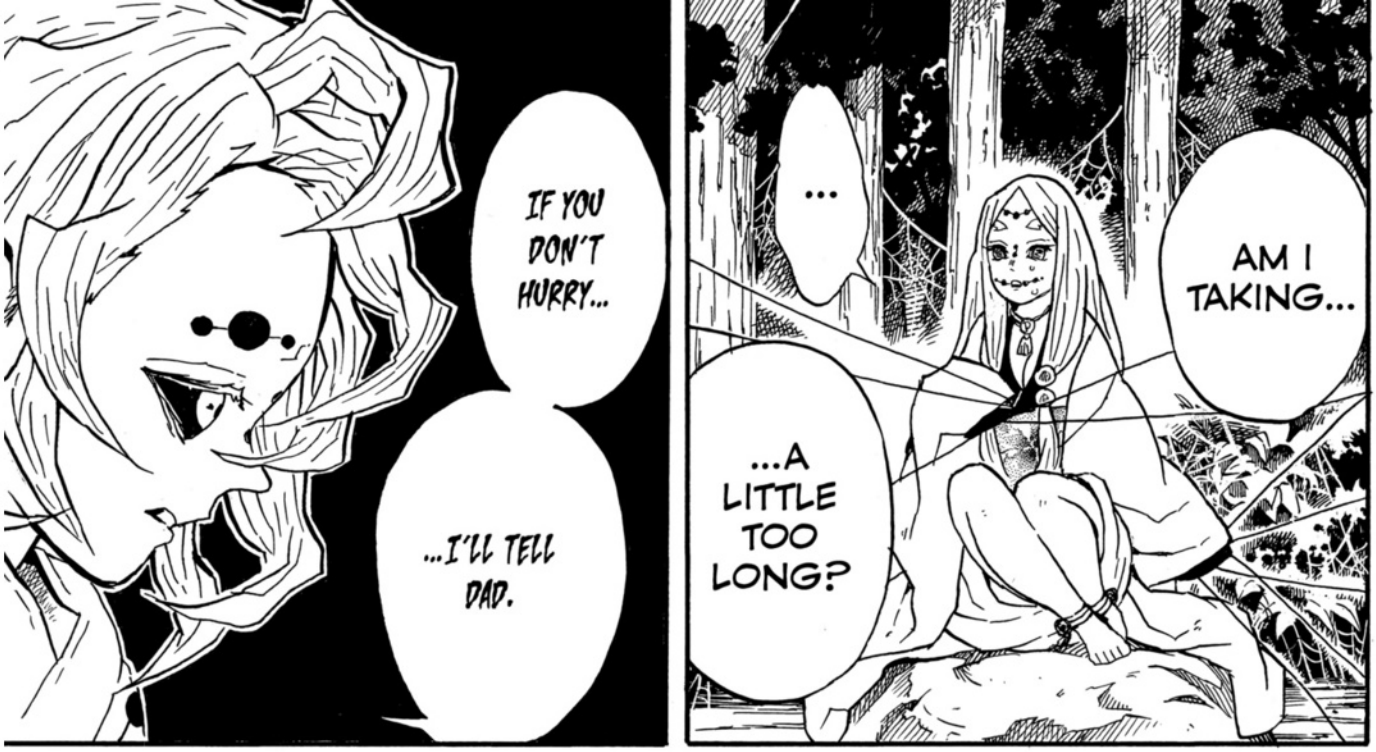

TNK
THE CLOSER YOU GET TO ME, THE THICKER AND STRONGER ARE MY THREADS...
...AND MY DOLLS!
KRK
TEE HEE HEE!
KNG
TNK

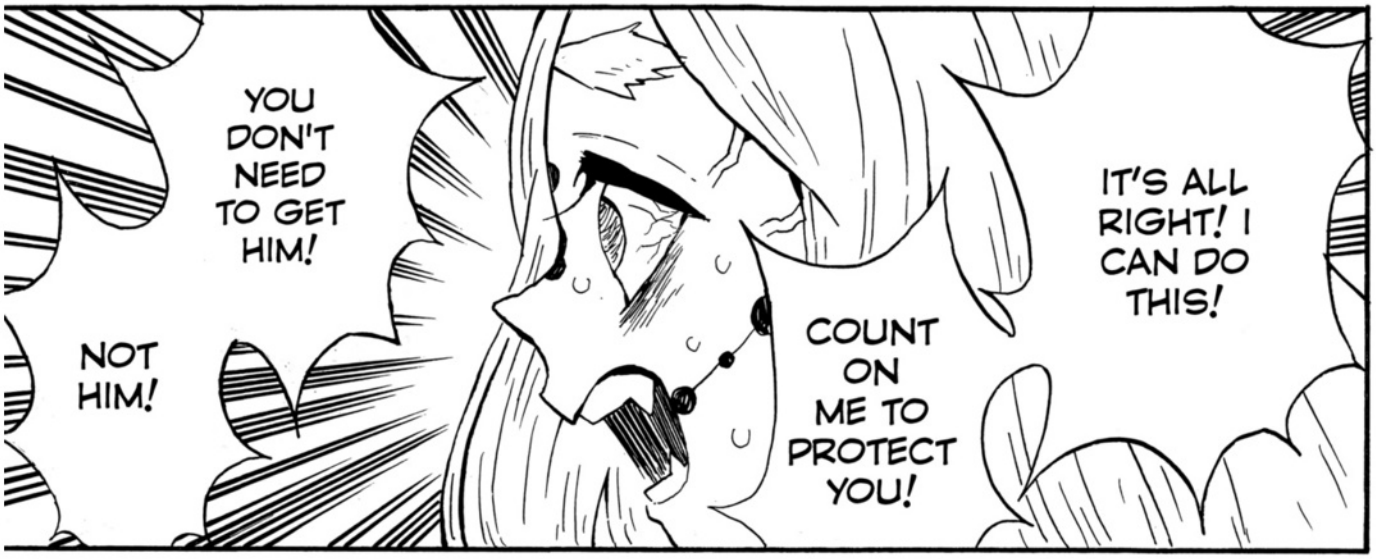

FLTNG!

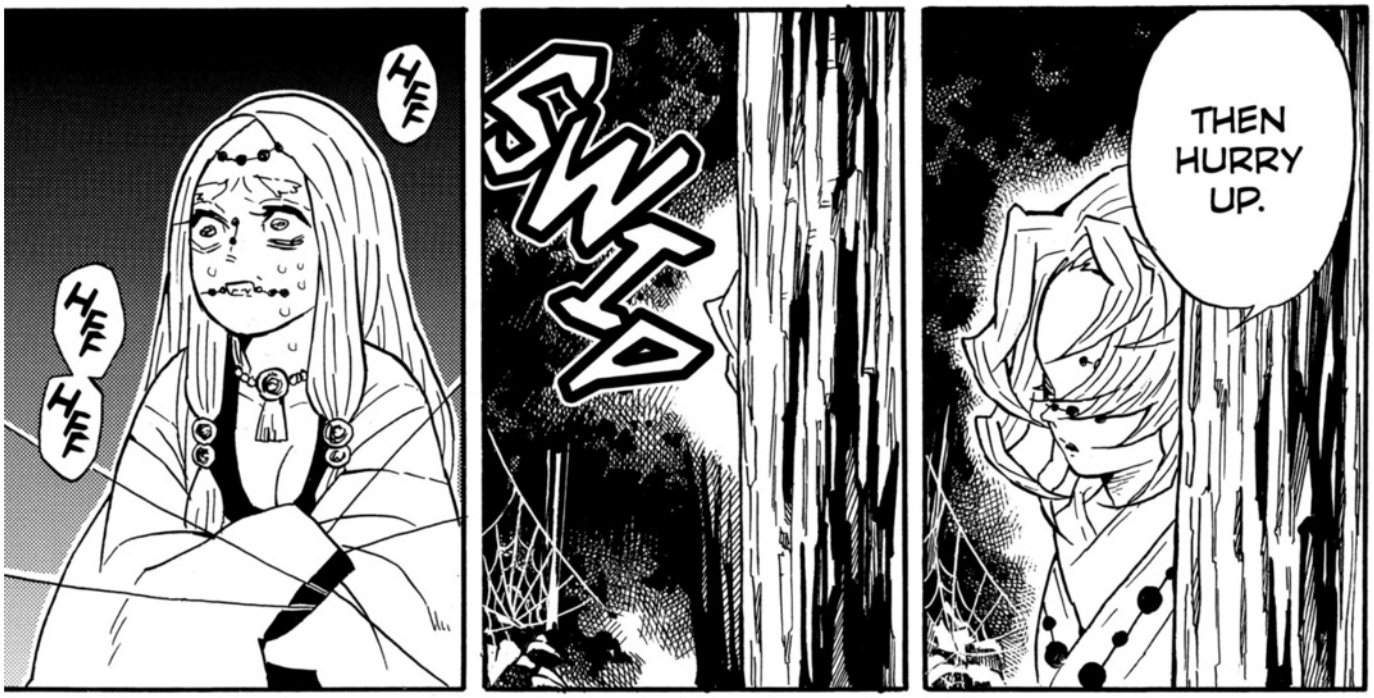
MOTHER ...


RUI...

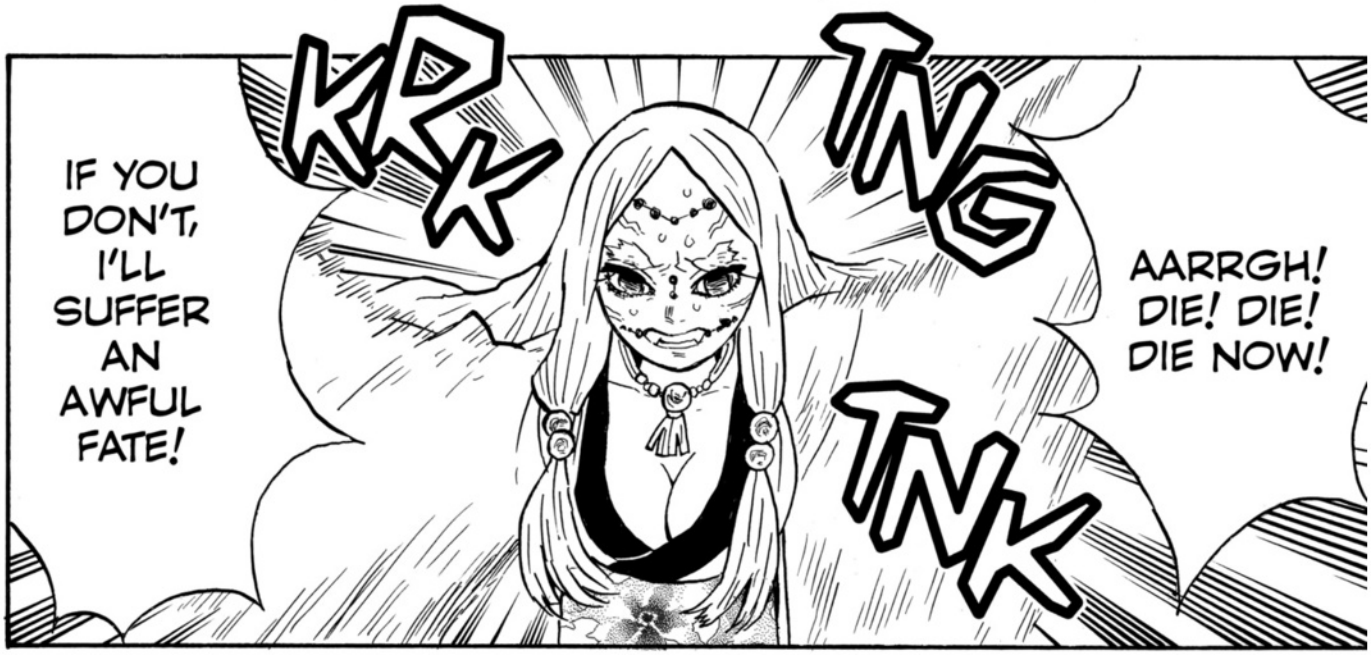
YOU CAN WIN, RIGHT?


AM I TAKING...
...
...A LITTLE TOO LONG?
IF YOU DON'T HURRY...
...I'LL TELL DAD.


IT'S ALL RIGHT! I CAN DO THIS!
COUNT ON ME TO PROTECT YOU!
YOU DON'T NEED TO GET HIM!
NOT HIM!

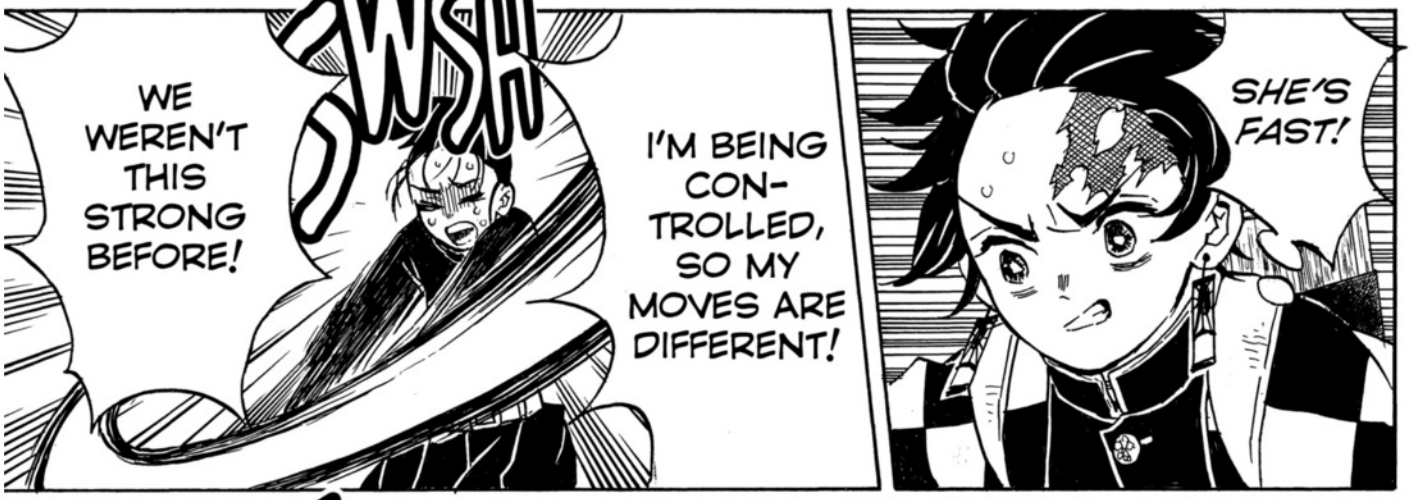

THEN HURRY UP.
SWISH
HEE
HEE HEE

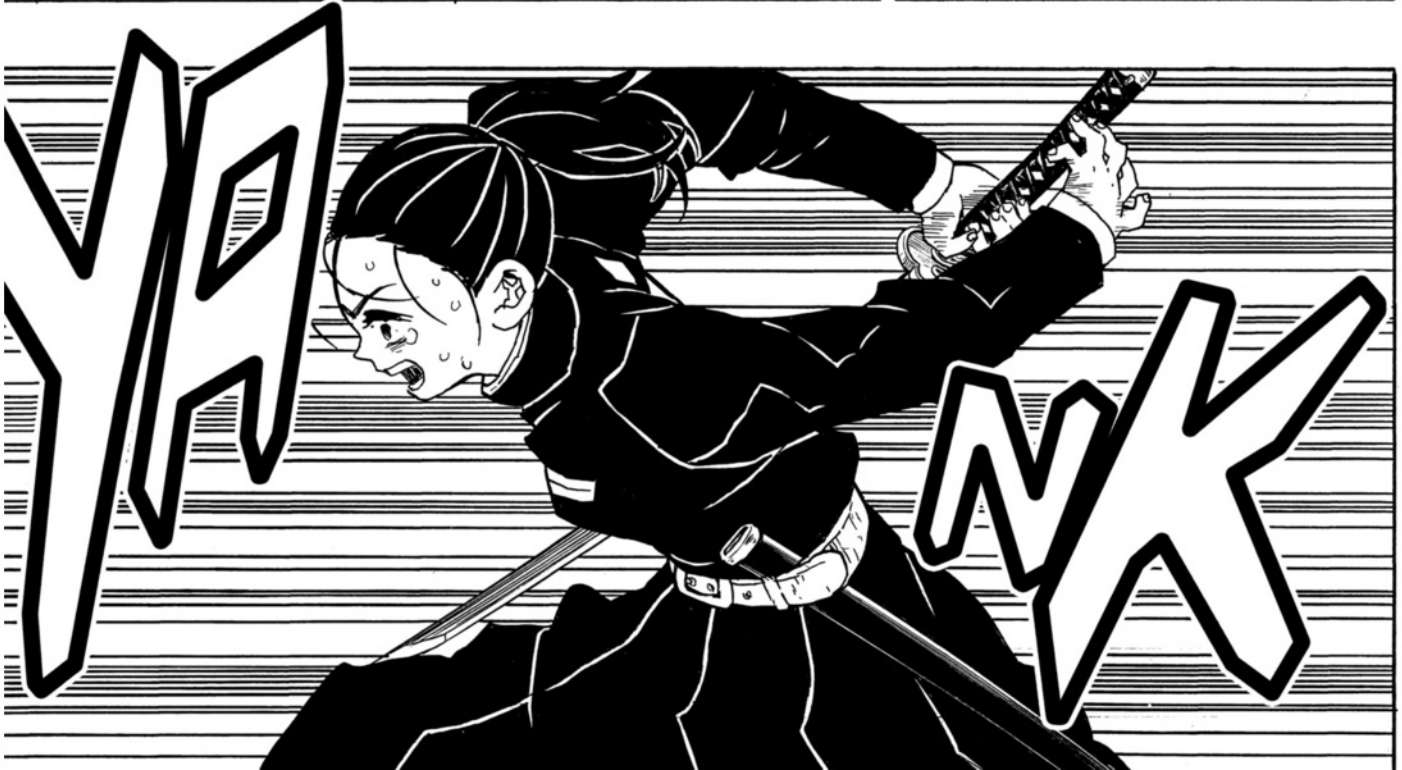
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF


KRK
TNG
TNK
IF YOU DON'T, I'LL SUFFER AN AWFUL FATE!
AARRGH! DIE! DIE! DIE NOW!

TNK
KNKTNG
RUN! RUUUUN!

WSH

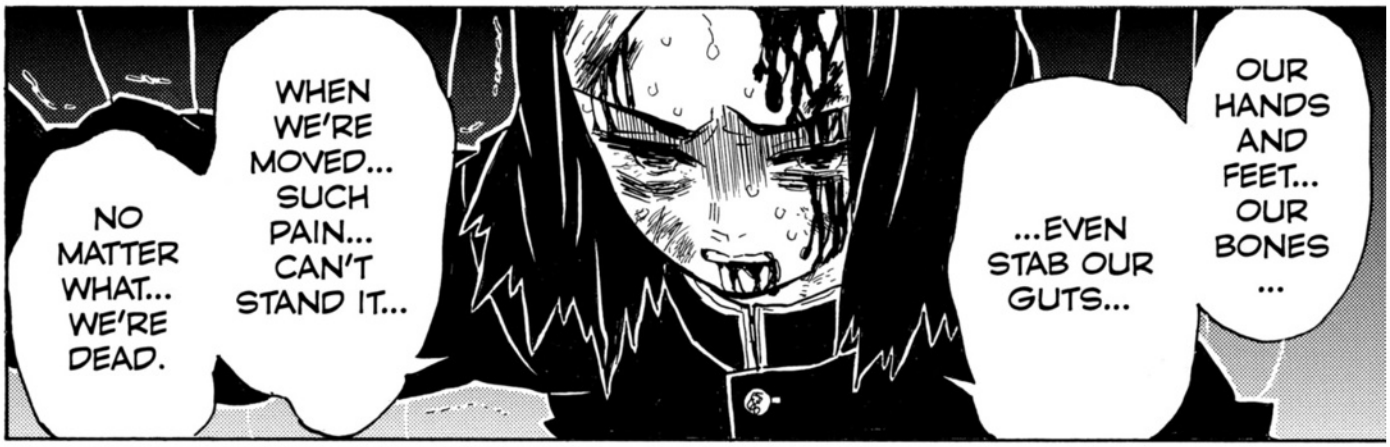

WSH
WE WEREN'T THIS STRONG BEFORE!
I'M BEING CON-TROLLED, SO MY MOVES ARE DIFFERENT!
SHE'S FAST!


YAIN

...!
SWSHSWSHSH
KRACK
KRK
KNK TNK
KRK
AAAH...!
THE DEMON'S THREADS ARE FORCING HER TO MOVE IN WAYS...
...THAT ARE BREAKING HER BONES! SO CRUEL!

UNNGH!
KR
TNG
TNKKNG

TNK
KRK
K...
K-KILL M-ME!
KRK


OUR HANDS AND FEET... OUR BONES ...
...EVEN STAB OUR GUTS...
WHEN WE'RE MOVED... SUCH PAIN... CAN'T STAND IT...
NO MATTER WHAT... WE'RE DEAD.

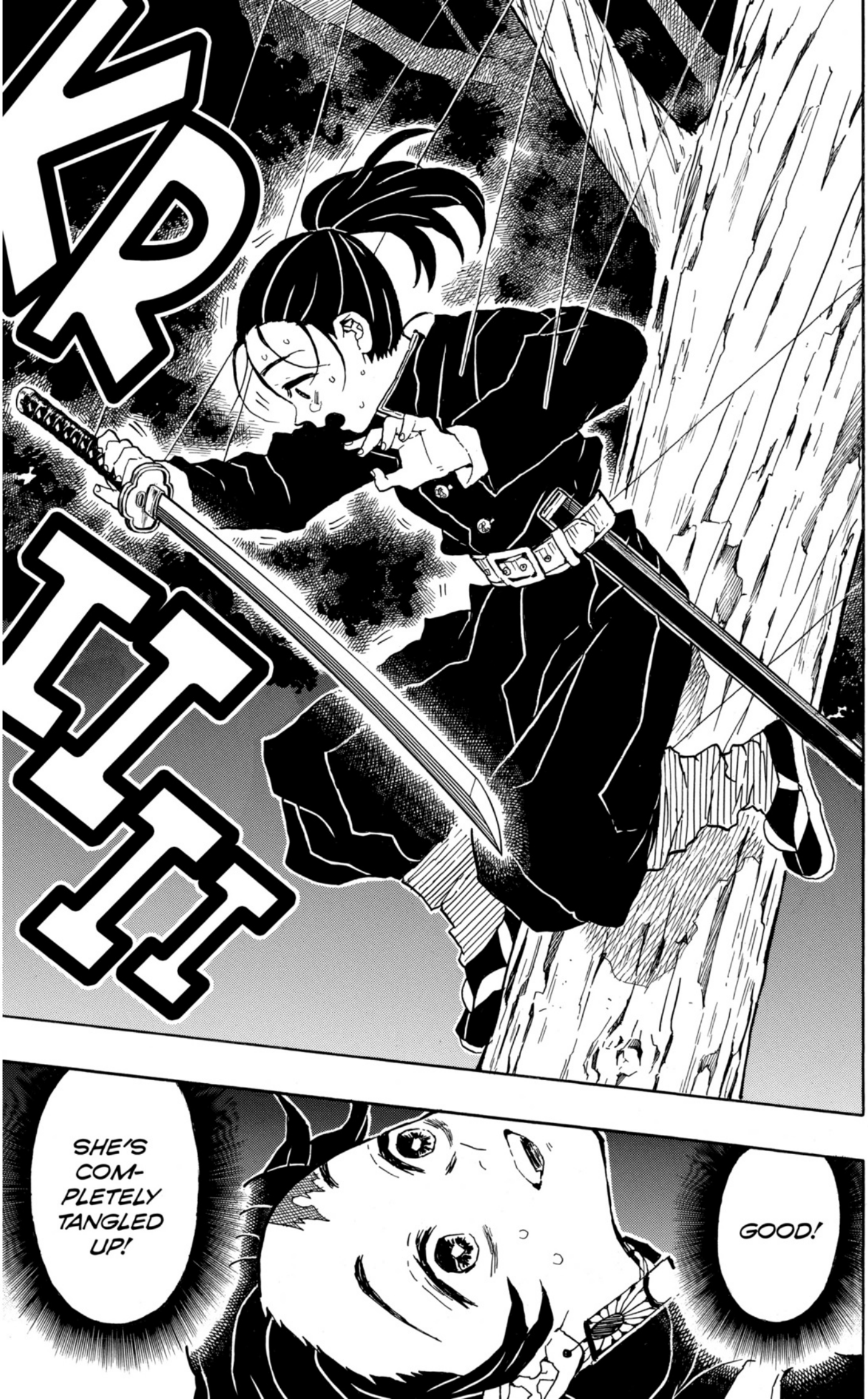
HELP US...
...!
PLEASE END... OUR MISERY!

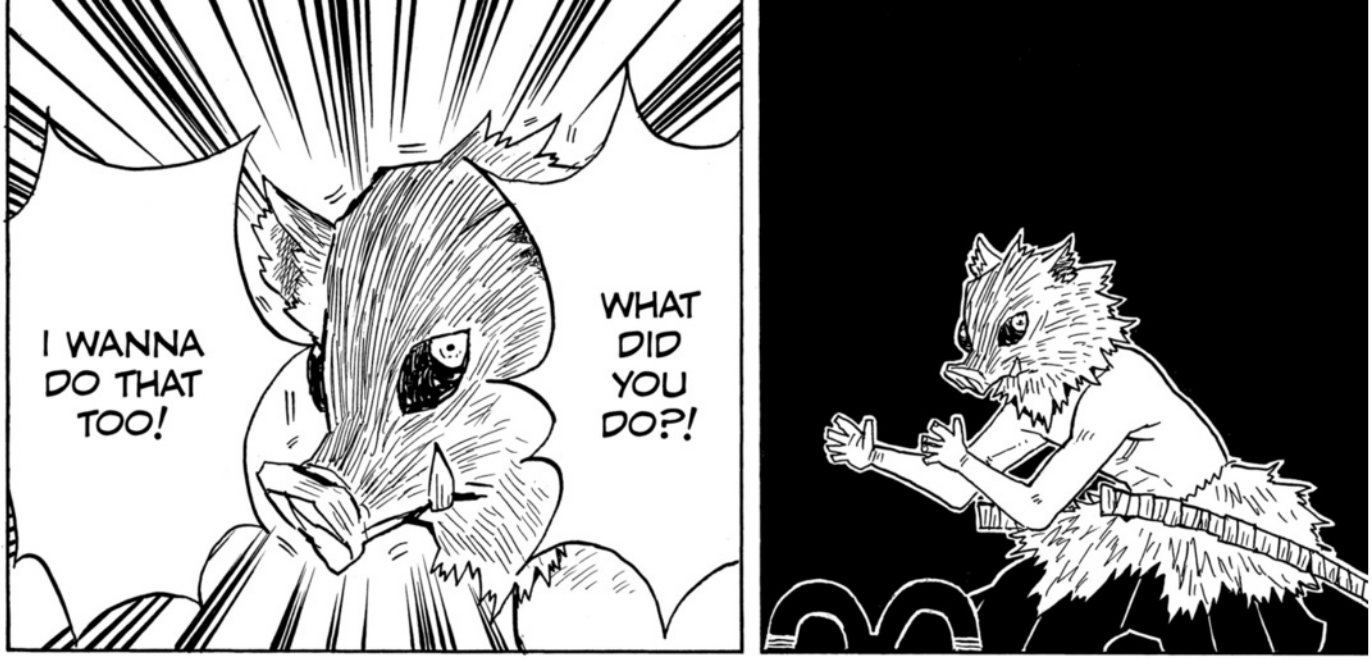
OKAY! I WILL!
SHUT UP!
JUST SHUT UP!
MAYBE WE CAN HELP!
SWISH
WAIT!
SWSH
THESE GUYS'RE FAST! IF YOU DRAG YOUR FEET, THEY'LL KILL US!
I NEED TO THINK! WAIT!
SSSS
SH
WHACK
THEY WANT TO DIE! THEY SAID SO THEM-SELVES!

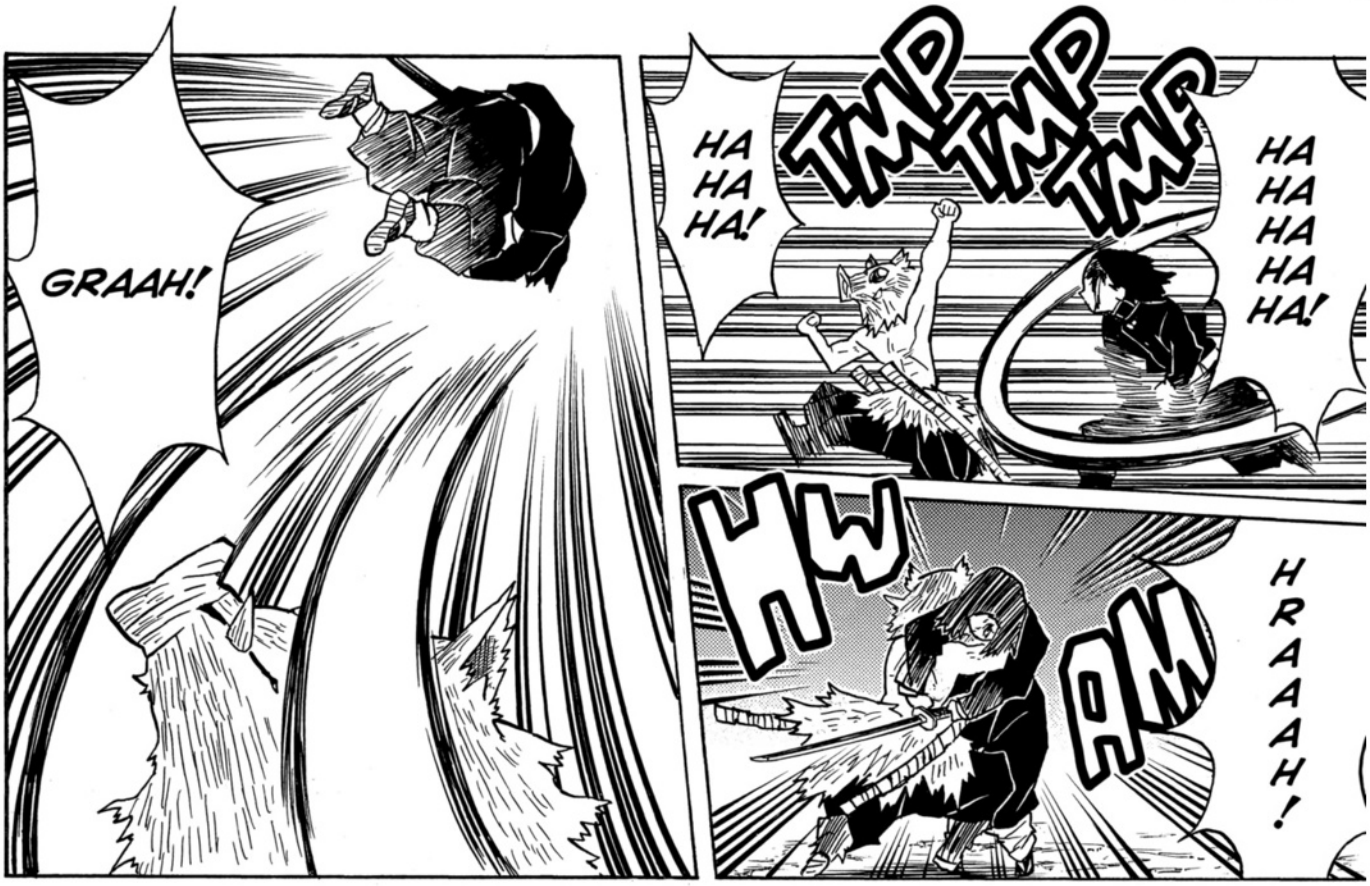
I DON'T WANT TO USE A SPECIAL TECHNIQUE!
BUT IF I ONLY CUT THE THREADS, THE SPIDERS WILL JUST RECONNECT THEM!
HOW CAN I IMMOBILIZE THEM...?
WHSH
I'VE GOT IT!
TMPTMPTMP
YES! SHE'S FOL-LOWING!

TMP TMP
HEY!
WHAT'RE YOU RUNNING AROUND FOR?!
STOP MESSING AROUND!
TMP TMP TMP
TMP TMP
UMP

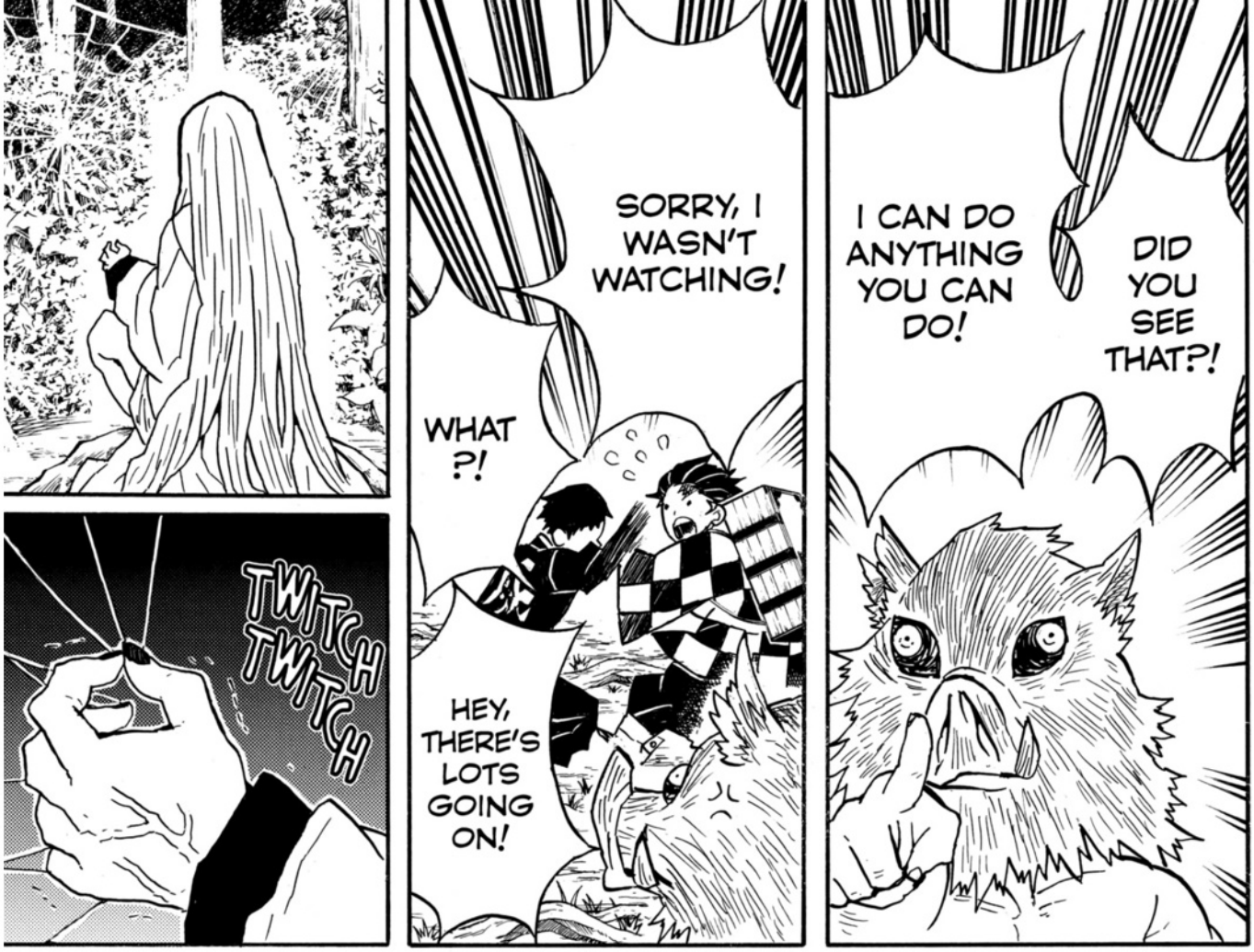
HWOOO
FWSH
WHAT STRENG-TH!
PI NG

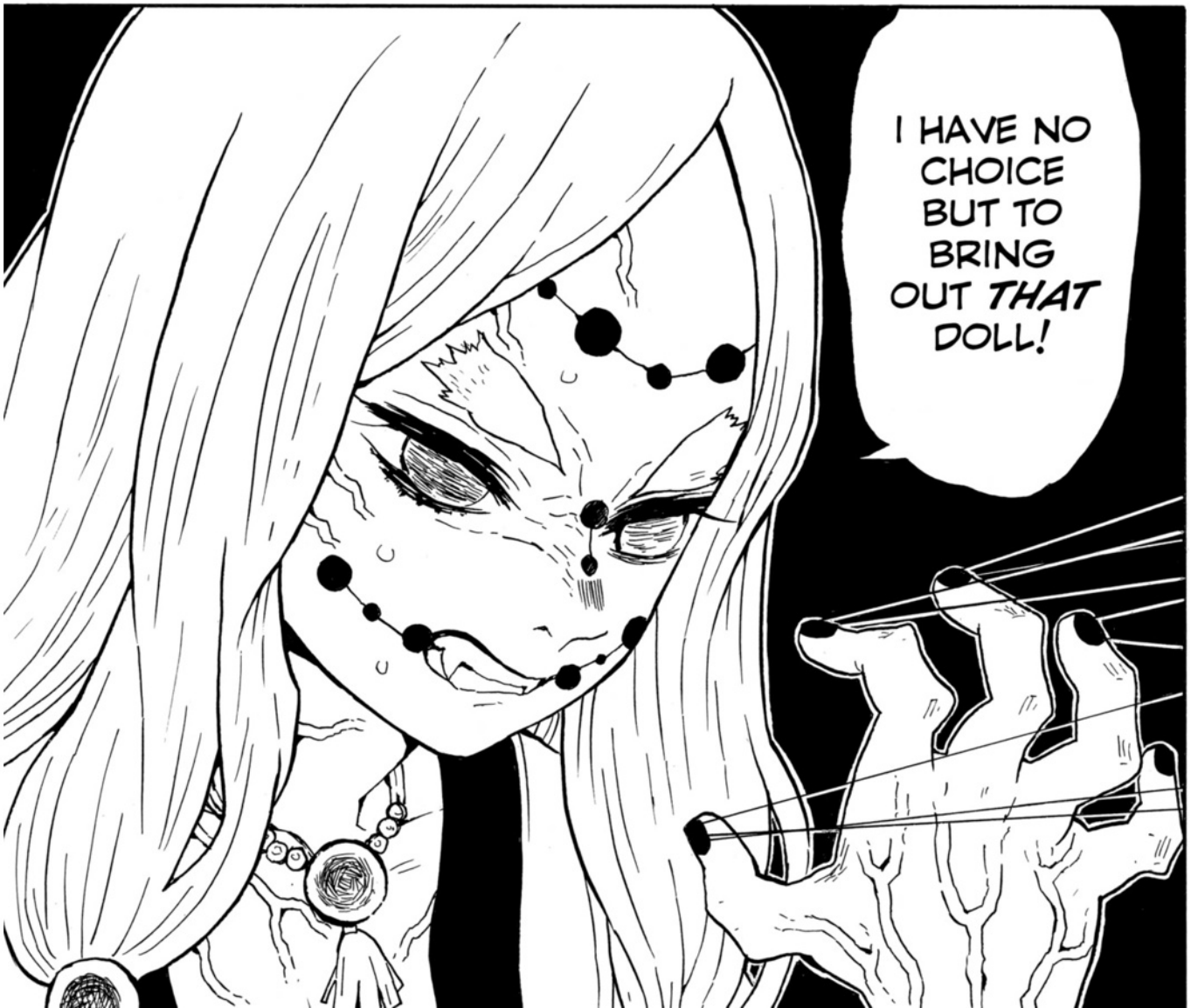

SHE'S COM-PLETELY TANGLED UP!
GOOD!


I WANNA DO THAT TOO!
WHAT DID YOU DO?!


GRAAH!
HA HA HA!
TMP TMP TMP
HA HA HA HA HA!
HW
AM
HRAAAH!

CLK
HA HA HA HA!
WAAAH HAAAH!


TWITCH TWITCH
HEY, THERE'S LOTS GOING ON!
WHAT ?!
SORRY, I WASN'T WATCHING!
I CAN DO ANYTHING YOU CAN DO!
DID YOU SEE THAT?!


I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO BRING OUT *THAT* DOLL!

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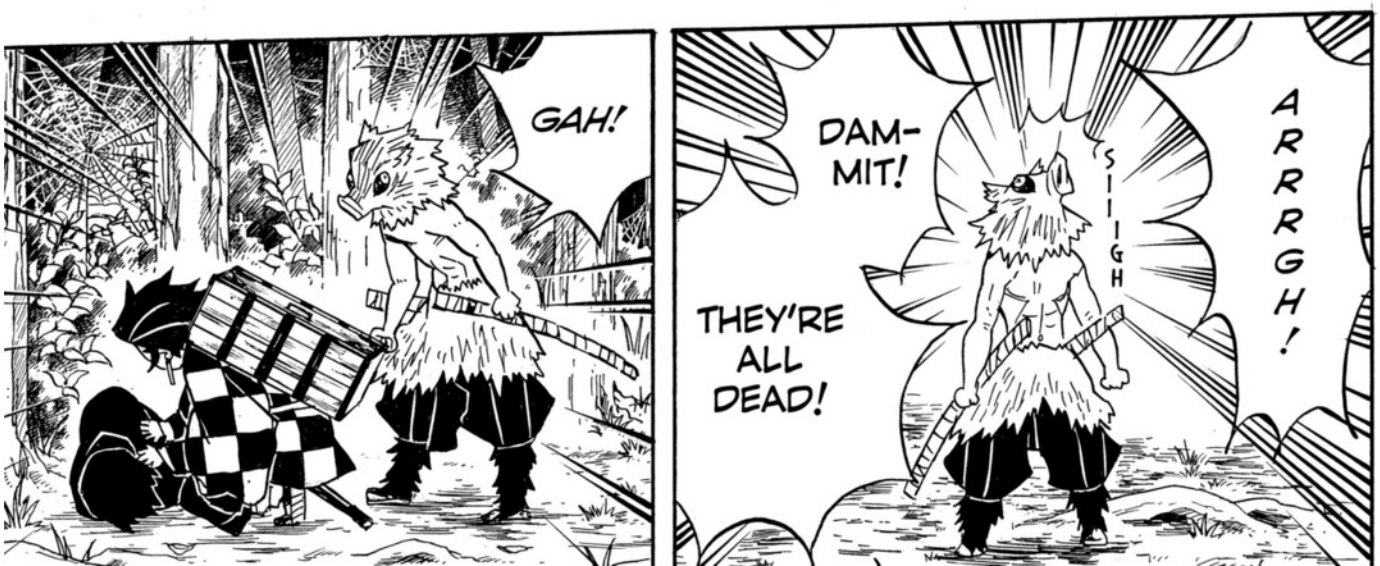
I GOT TO DRAW RYO FOR THE ISSUE WITH
THE FINAL CHAPTER OF KOCHIKAME.

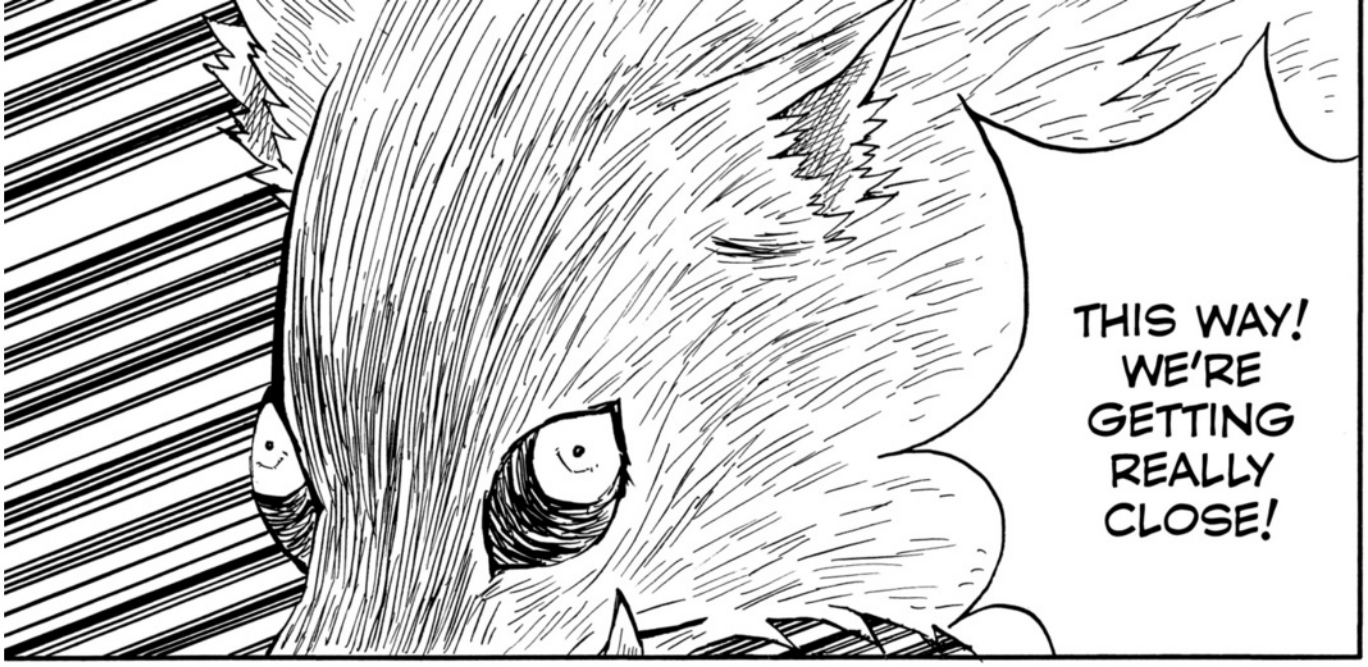
CHAPTER 31:
LETTING SOMEONE ELSE GO FIRST

GOTCHA. GO GET 'EM!
JUST DON'T BE TOO ROUGH!
I'LL DO IT AGAIN, SO GET A GOOD LOOK THIS TIME!
GOOD! ONLY ONE MORE!
SKNG
THEY'RE USELESS! USELESS!
I NO LONGER NEED THOSE FRAGILE HUMAN DOLLS!
KAK
SKWK

KRAK
KRAK
SKWK


GAH!
DAM-MIT!
SIIIGH
ARRRGH!
THEY'RE ALL DEAD!

ZWF
ZWF
TOM
TOM
TOM
TOM
ZSHZSH
...
OKAY.
LET'S GO.


THIS WAY! WE'RE GETTING REALLY CLOSE!

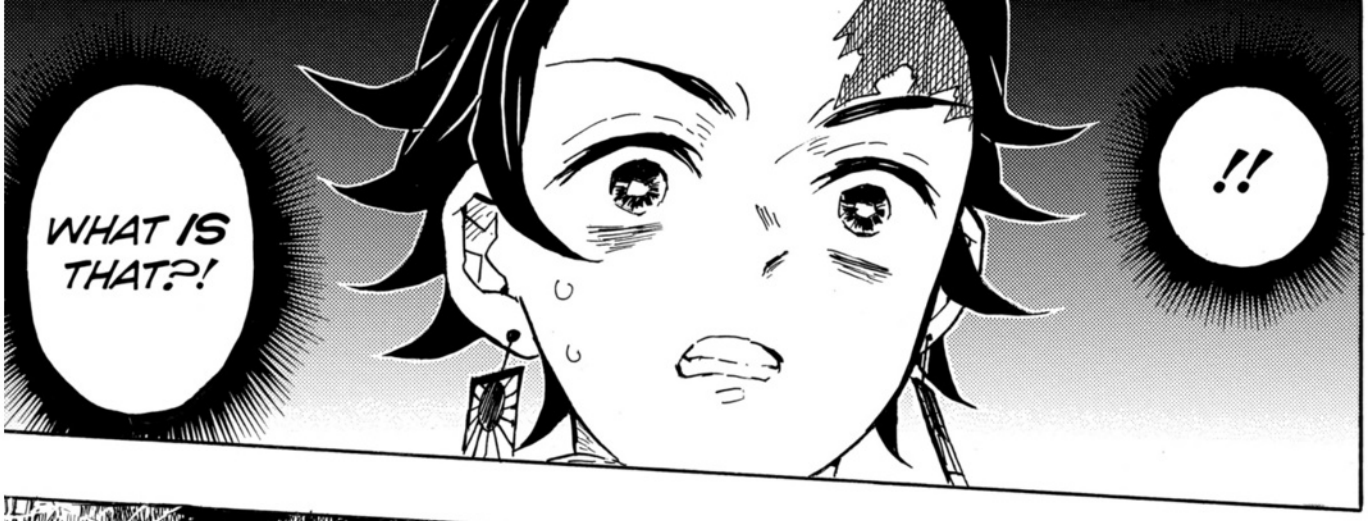
I FOUND IT FIRST!
INO-SUKE!
CLOMP

THERE!

THE WIND HAS SHIFTED, SO MY NOSE IS HELPFUL AGAIN! I CAN SMELL ...
... TWO ODORS LEFT!

?!

KR
TNK
TNK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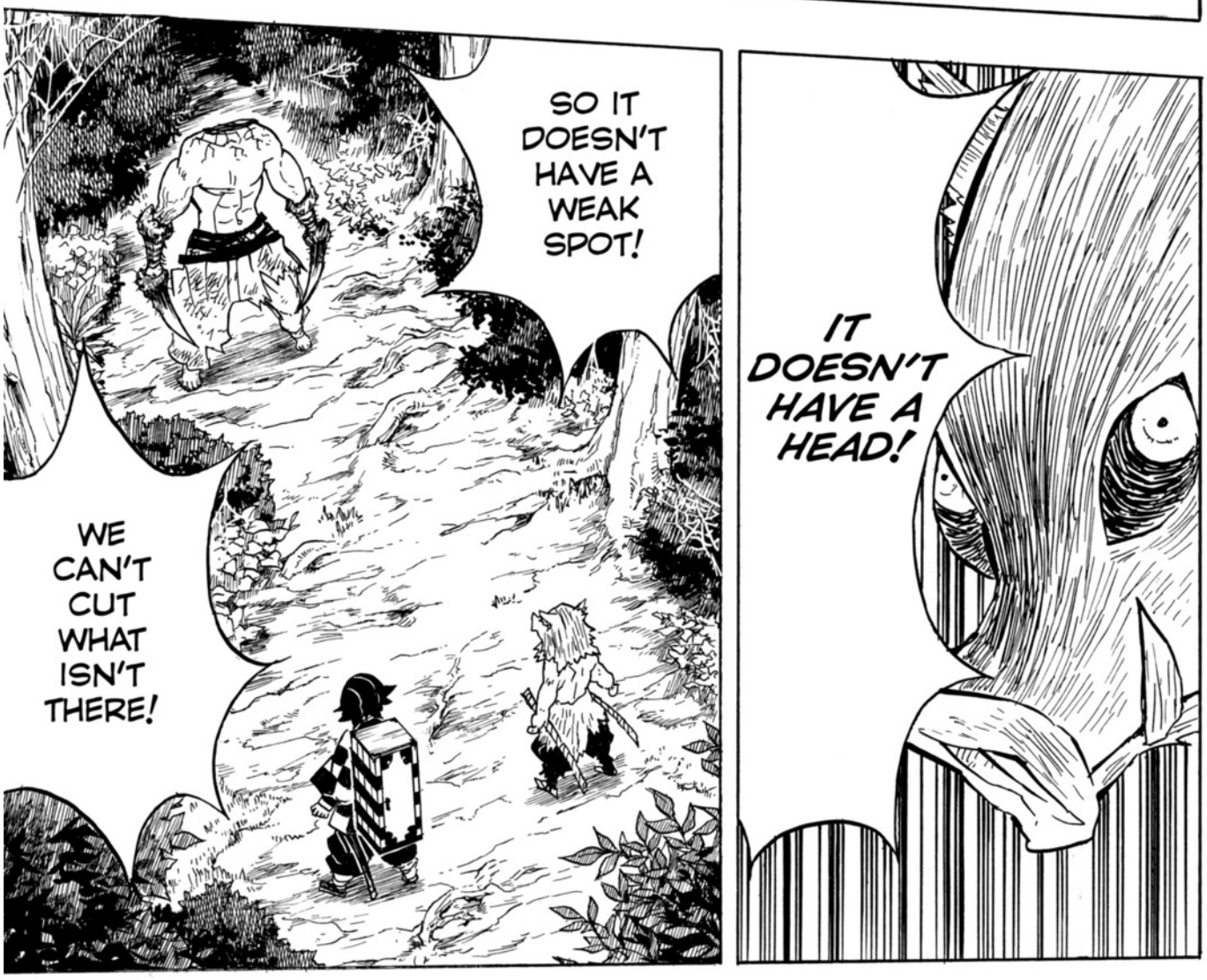
WHAT IS THAT?!


SO IT DOESN'T HAVE A WEAK SPOT!
WE CAN'T CUT WHAT ISN'T THERE!
IT DOESN'T HAVE A HEAD!

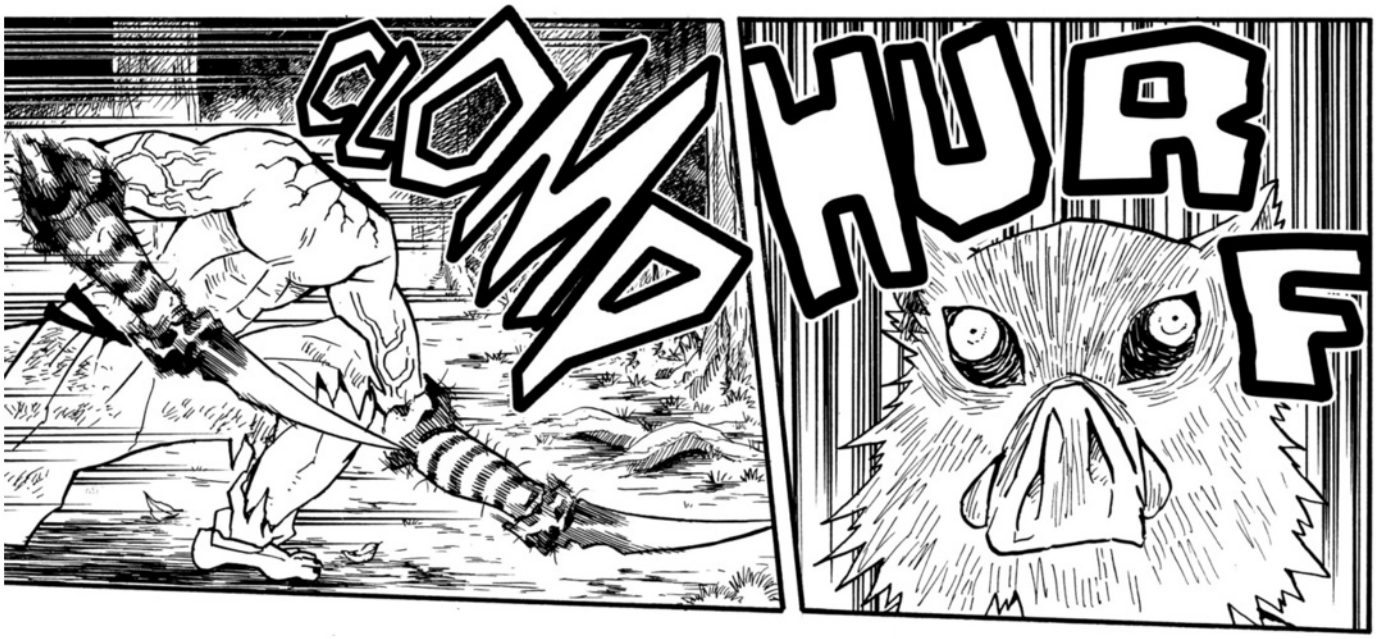
STAY CALM! USE THE KESAGIRI MANEUVER!
WHADDA WE DO?
INO-SUKE ...
THAT MEANS ...
WHAH ?!

SLASH FROM THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE BASE OF THE NECK DOWN THROUGH THE LEFT ARMPIT!
IT'S A BROAD STRIKE AND I THINK IT'LL BE PRETTY TOUGH, BUT—
YAHAAH!
WISH
WAIT! TOGETHER—
WISH
FLASH

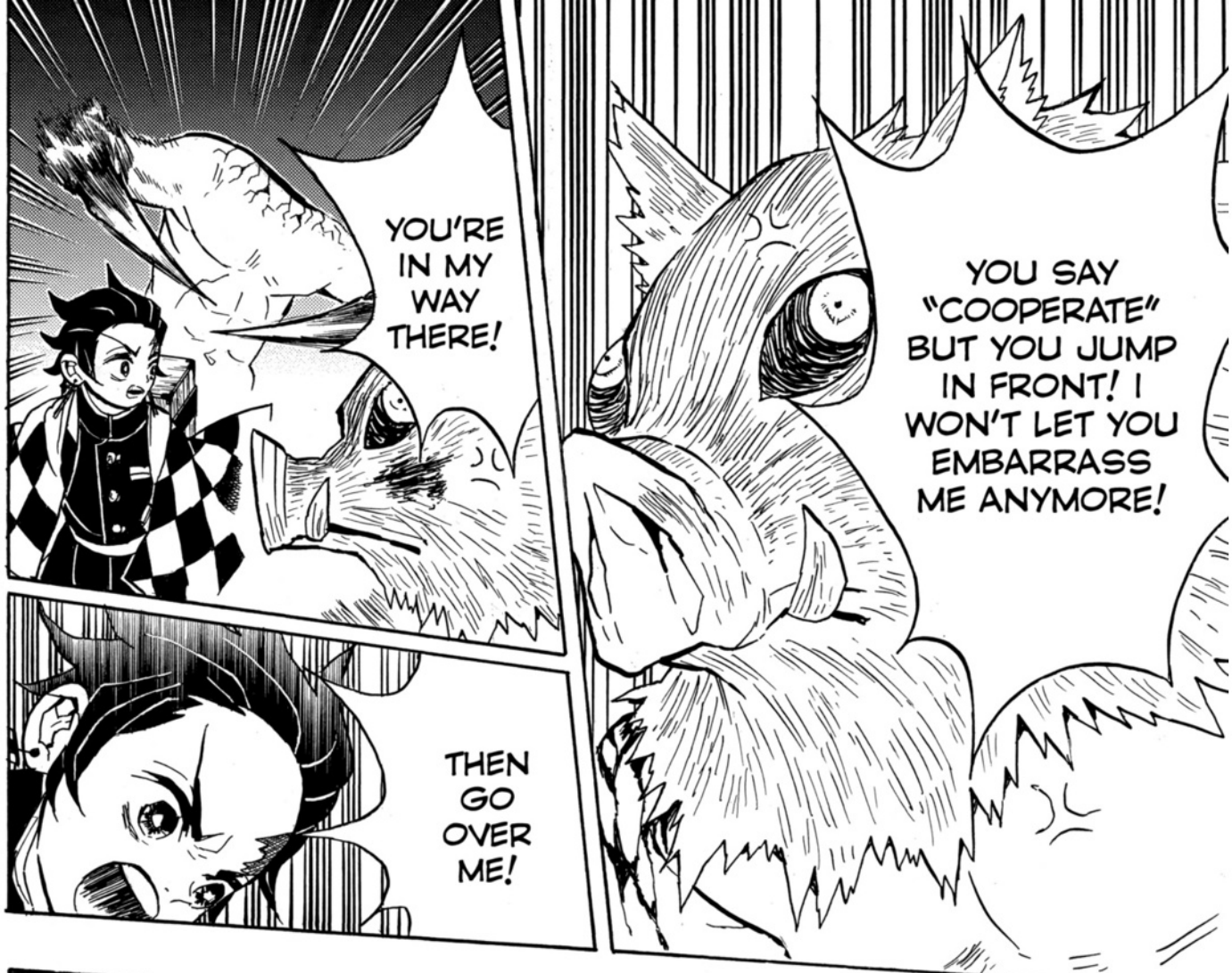
WHSH
ZWP
ZWP
ZWP
HE'S FAST!
BUT ...
...NOT SO FAST THAT I CAN'T DODGE—
SKT
UH-OH! A SPIDER!

I...I CAN'T MOVE!
HE'S GONNA SKEWER ME!
KLANG
WHSH

WHSH
SNAP
WHSHSHSH

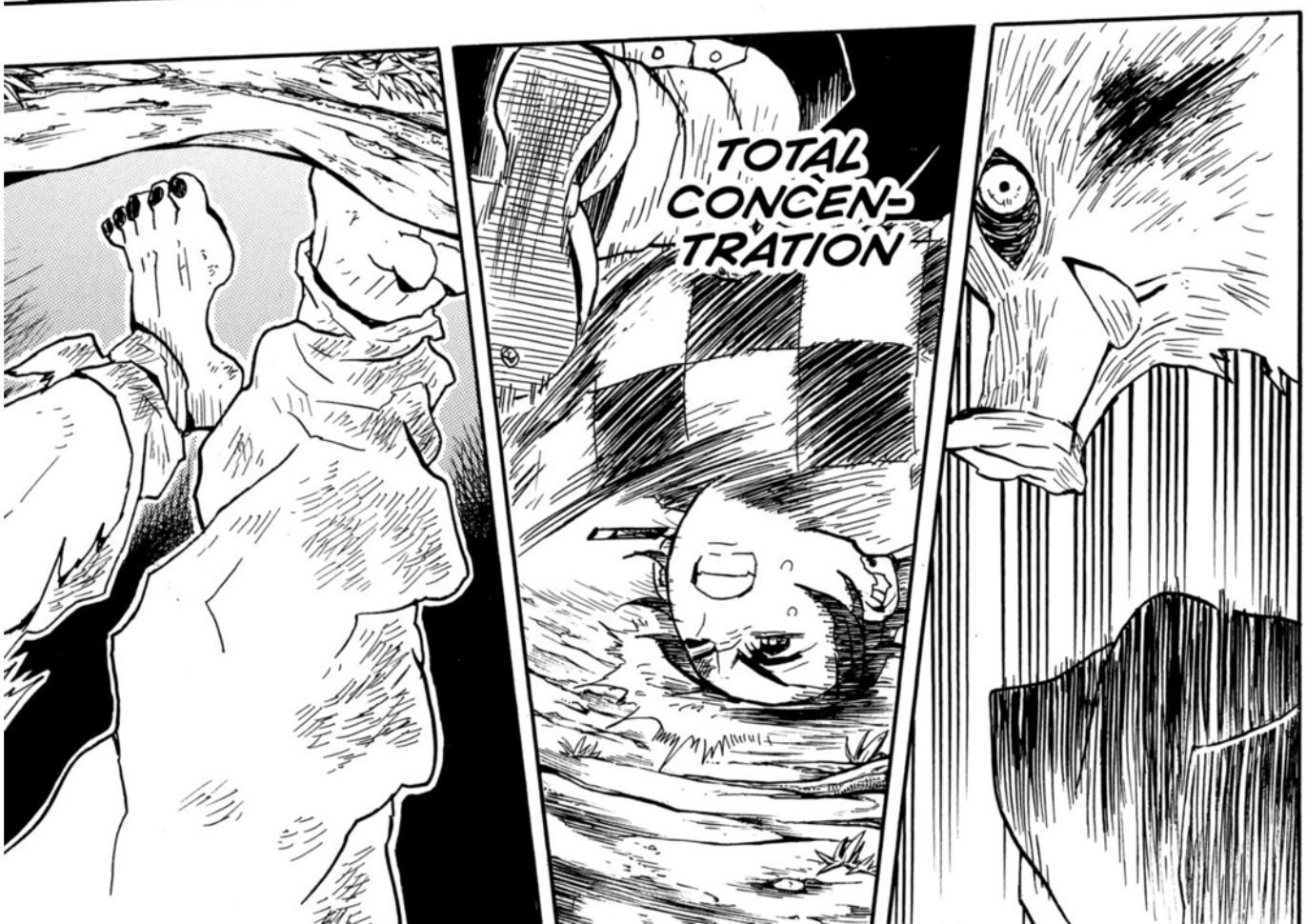

CHOP
HURF

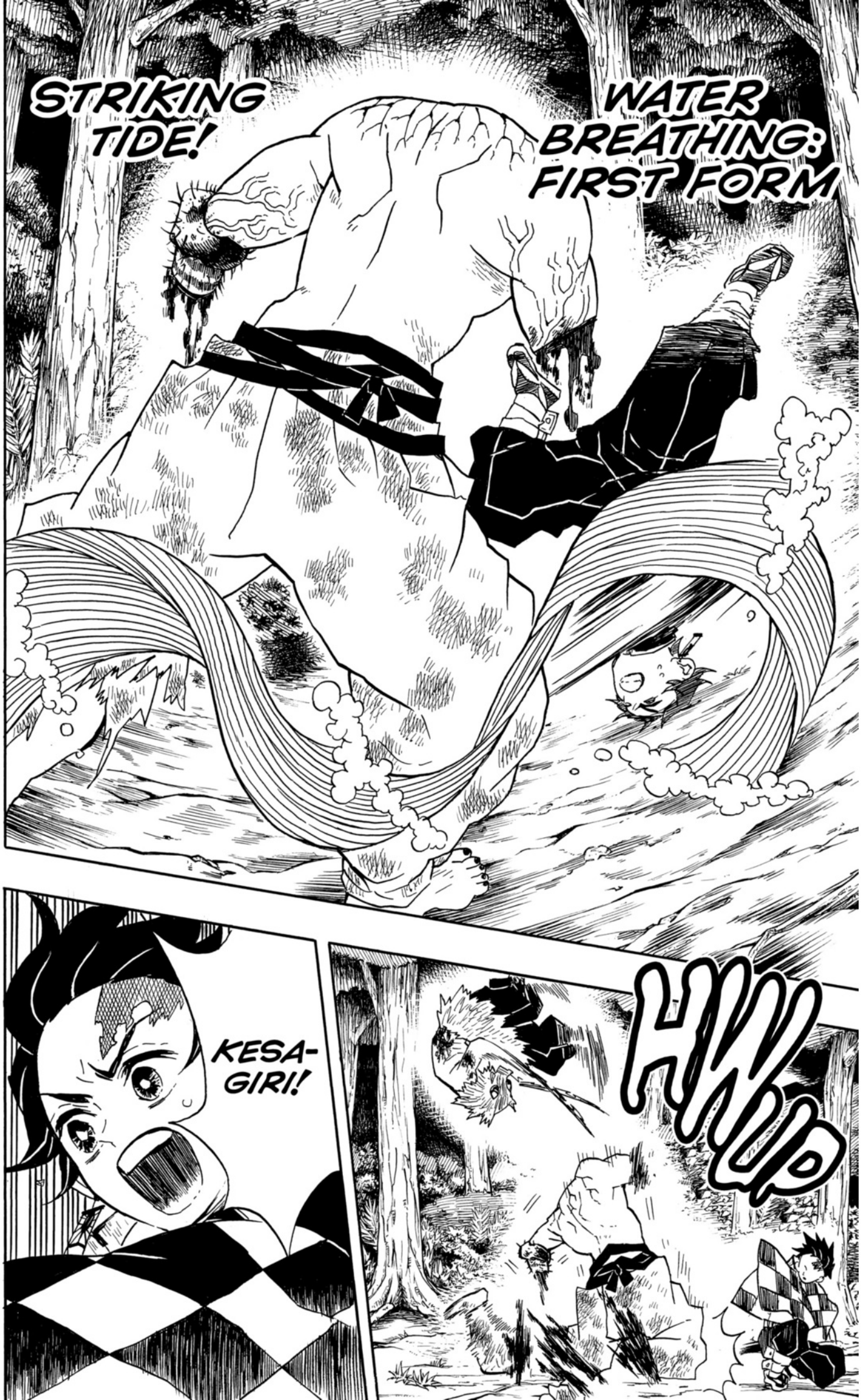
...LET'S FIGHT TOGETH-ER!
...WE HAVE TO COMBINE OUR STRENGTH! COOPERATE! THIS ONE TIME...
INOSUKE! TO BEAT THIS DEMON...


YOU'RE IN MY WAY THERE!
YOU SAY "COOPERATE" BUT YOU JUMP IN FRONT! I WON'T LET YOU EMBARRASS ME ANYMORE!
THEN GO OVER ME!

!!

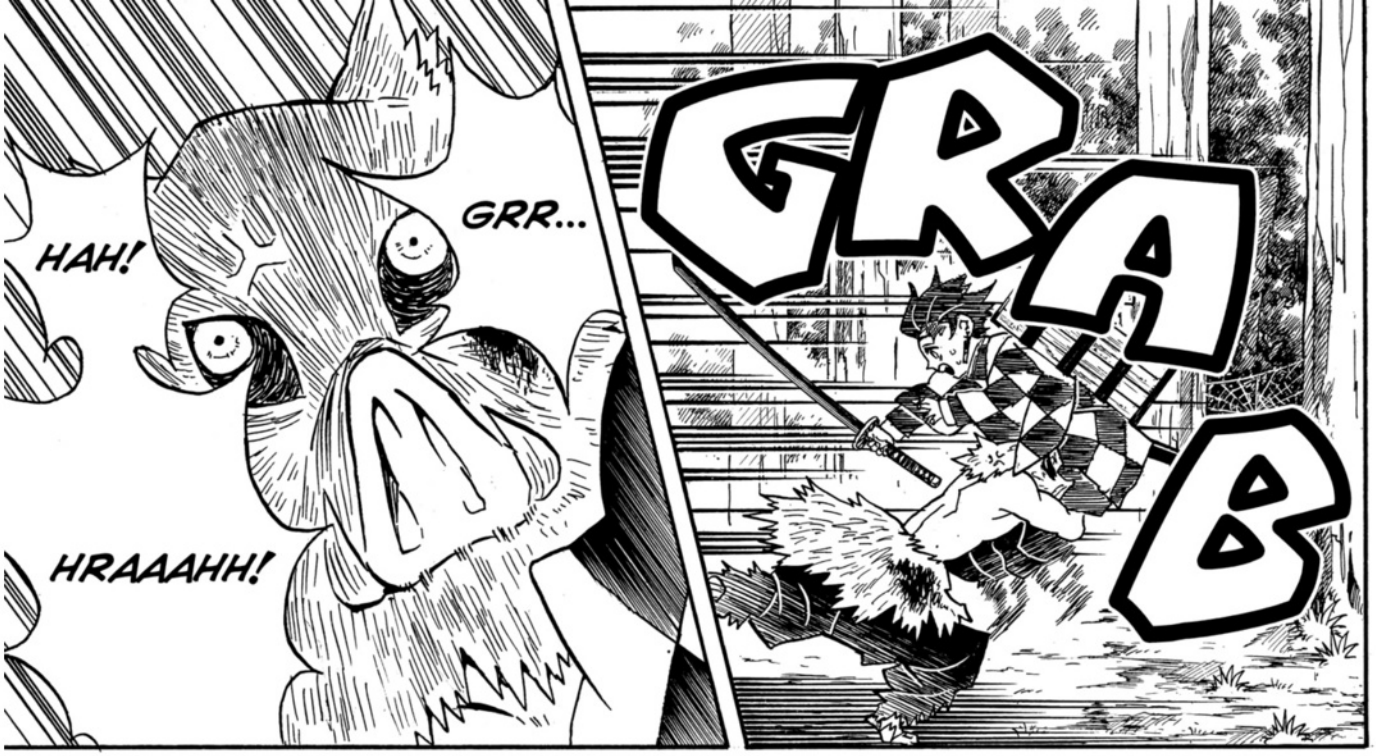
JUMP, INOSUKE! JUMP!


TOTAL CONCEN-TRATION


STRIKING TIDE!
WATER BREATHING: FIRST FORM
KESA-GIRI!
HHP

HE ACTS LIKE IT'S INEVIT-ABLE...
LIKE WATER FLOWING DOWN A RIVER'S COURSE!
DAMN! WHAT'S WITH HIM?! I'M SO MAD!
DOES EVERY-THING HAVE TO GO HIS WAY?!
...HE'S WATCHING THE FLOW OF THE BATTLE...
...THE WHOLE BATTLE.
HE ISN'T TRYING TO BE THE GUY UP FRONT...
ZSSH

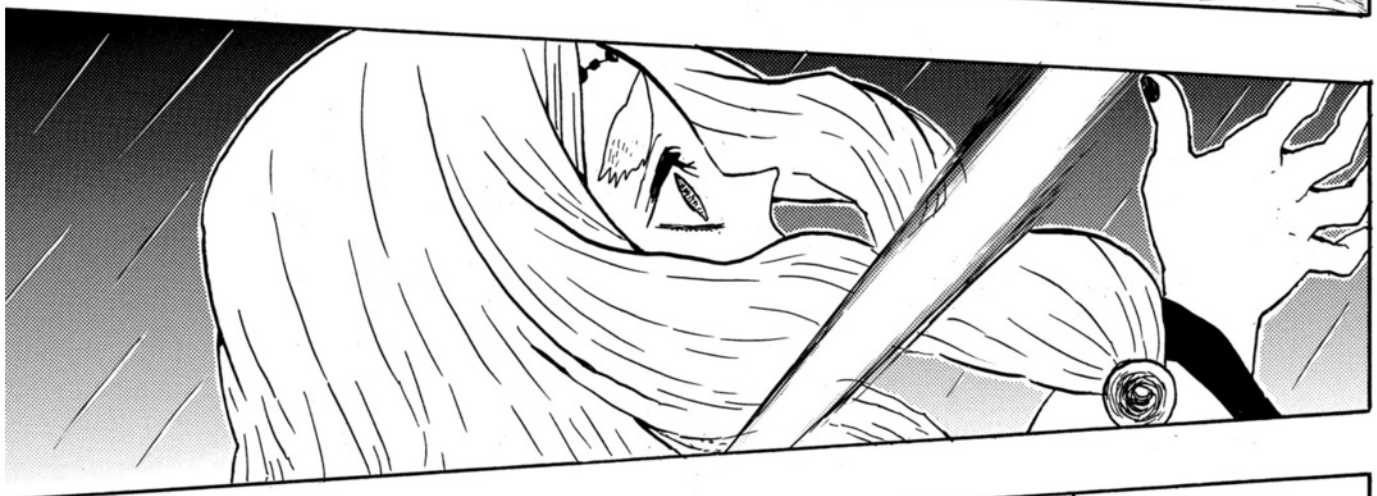
FLOP
WOW! WHAT A CUT!
WHSH
?!
I CAN DO...
... ANYTHING YOU CAN DO, DUMMY!


HAH!
GRR...
HRAAAHH!
GRAB

THAT DEMON LOST! HE LOST!
BUT THAT DOLL WAS MY FASTEST AND STRONG-EST!
WHY DID RUI HAVE TO THREATEN ME?
SO UP-SETTING ...
SLASH

HE'S GONNA CUT OFF MY HEAD!
I'M DOOMED! THINK!! THINK!
OH...
BUT ...
FIRST FORM ...
HWOOO
ABOVE ME...!
BUT DYING WILL FREE ME!
I'LL BE AT PEACE!
!

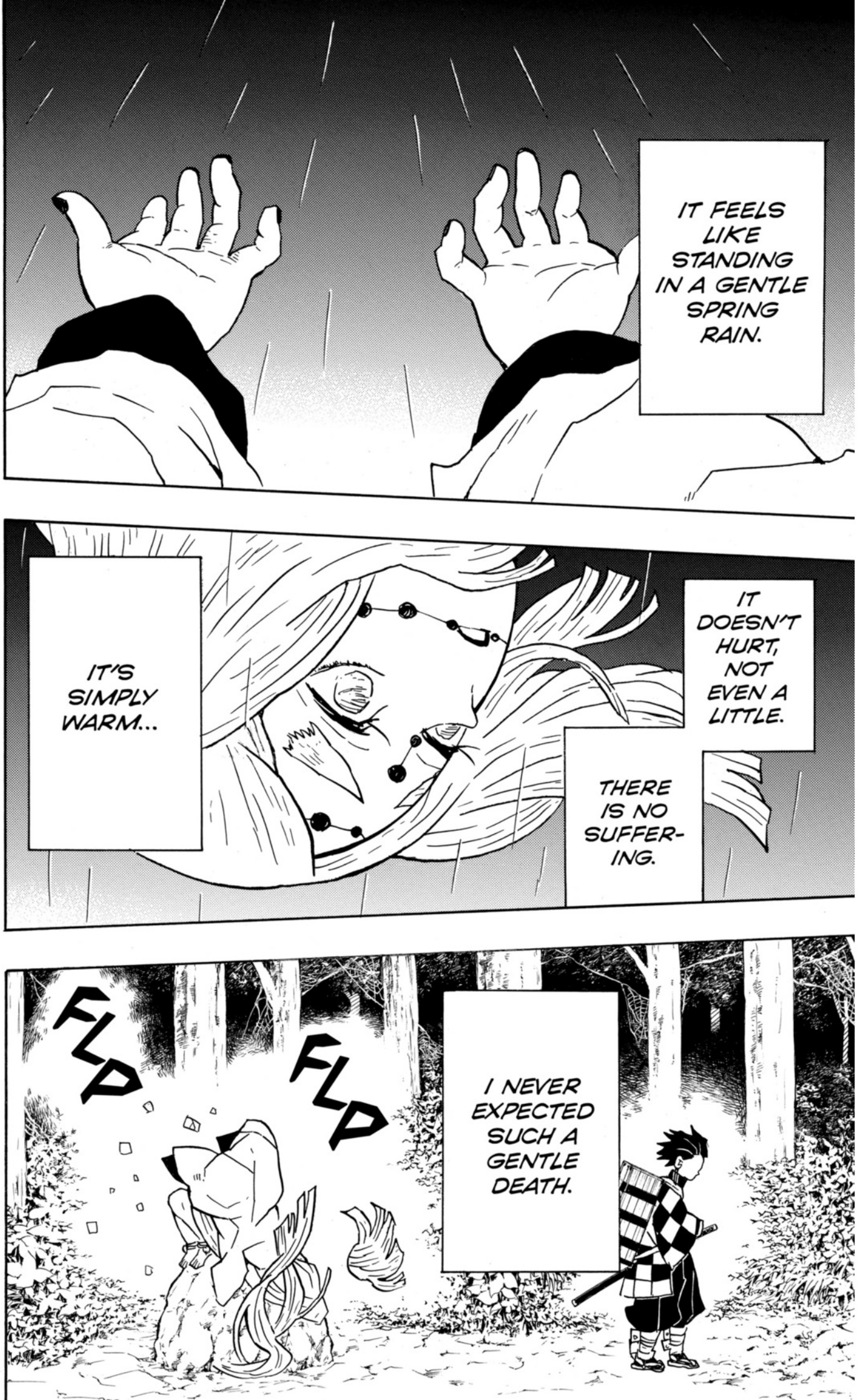
BLESSED RAIN AFTER THE DROUGHT!
WATER BREATHING: FIFTH FORM



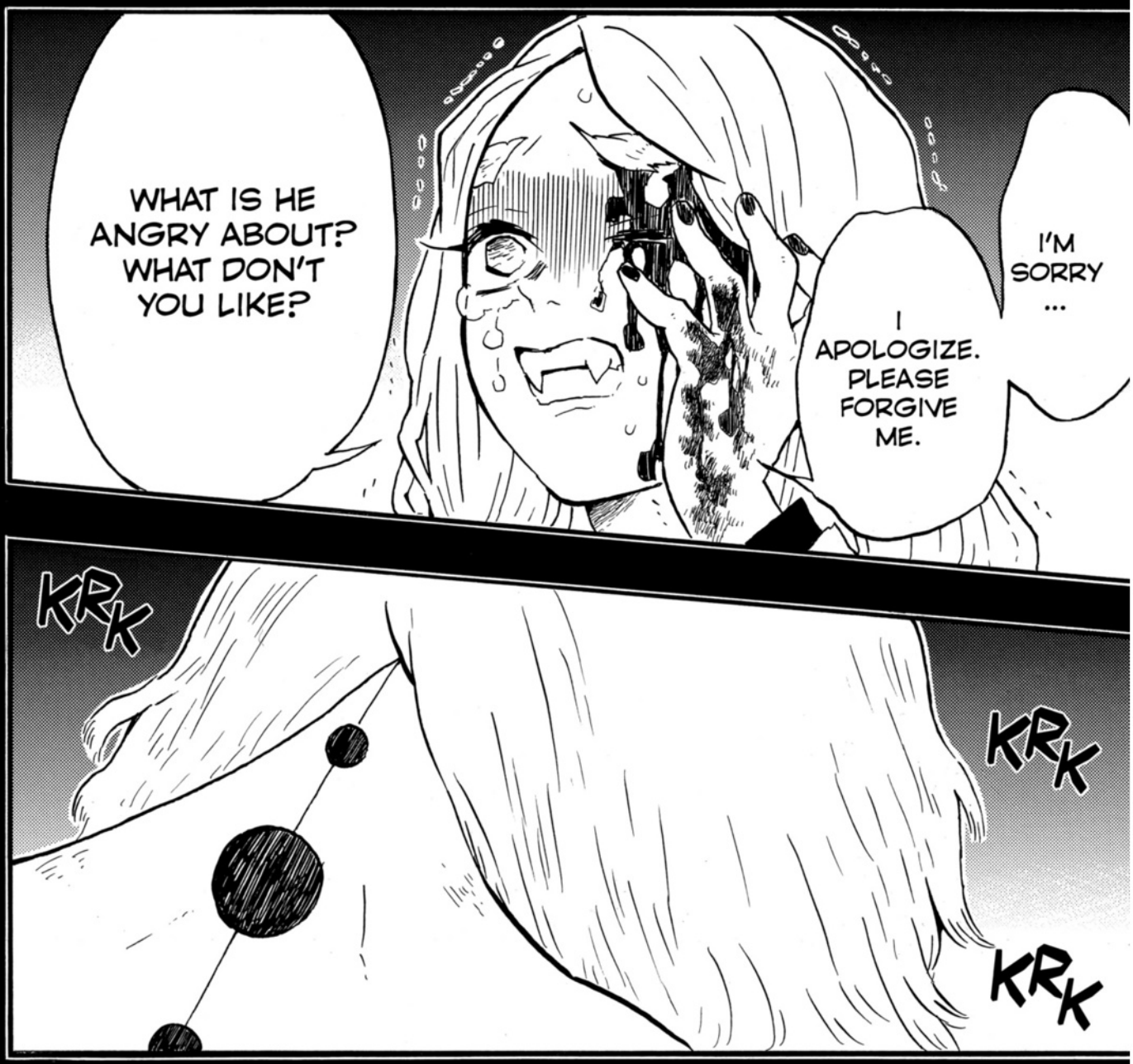
THWP
A MERCIFUL SWORD STROKE.
IT'S ONLY USED WHEN THE OPPONENT OFFERS NO RESISTANCE ...
WITH THE FIFTH FORM, THE SLAIN BARELY FEELS A THING.

Tanjiro...
Boar...
Chuntaro ...
Sparrow

CHAPTER 32: PUNGENT ODOR

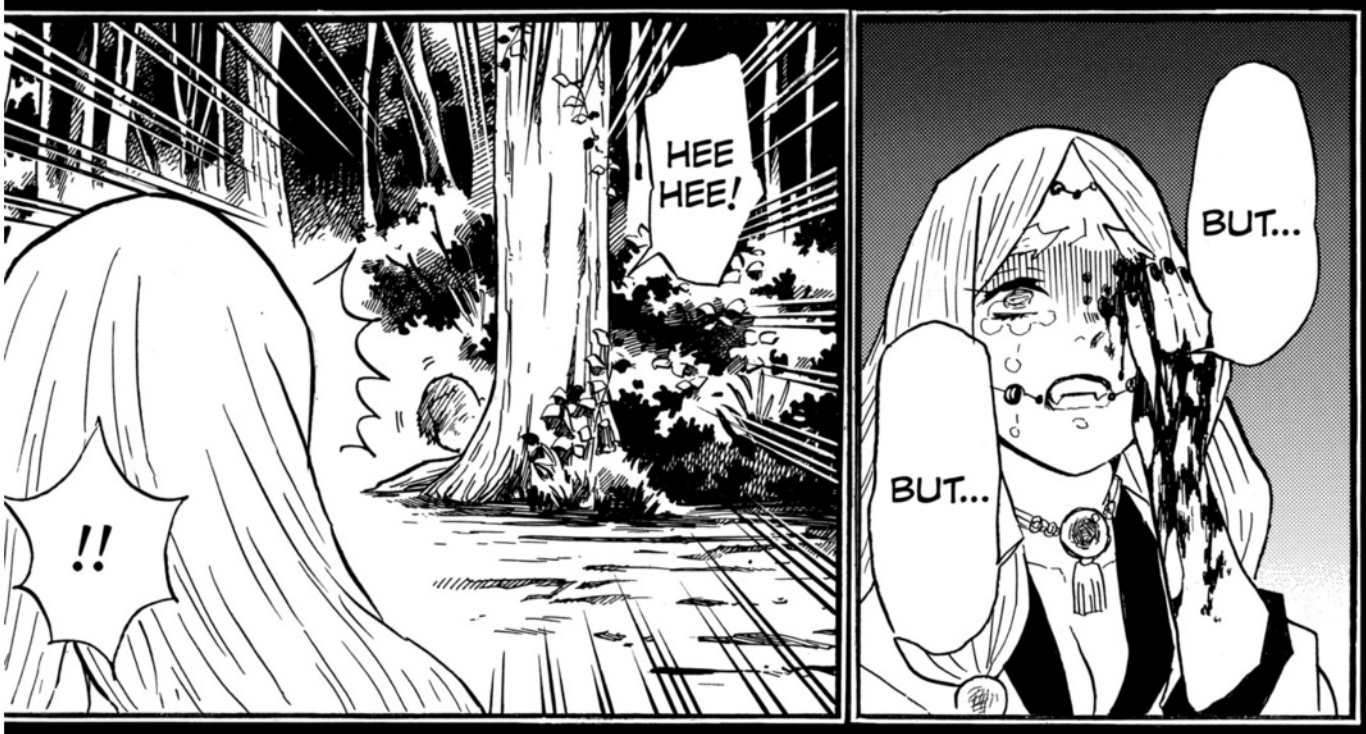

IT FEELS LIKE STANDING IN A GENTLE SPRING RAIN.
IT'S SIMPLY WARM...
IT DOESN'T HURT, NOT EVEN A LITTLE.
THERE IS NO SUFFER-ING.
FLP
FLP
I NEVER EXPECTED SUCH A GENTLE DEATH.

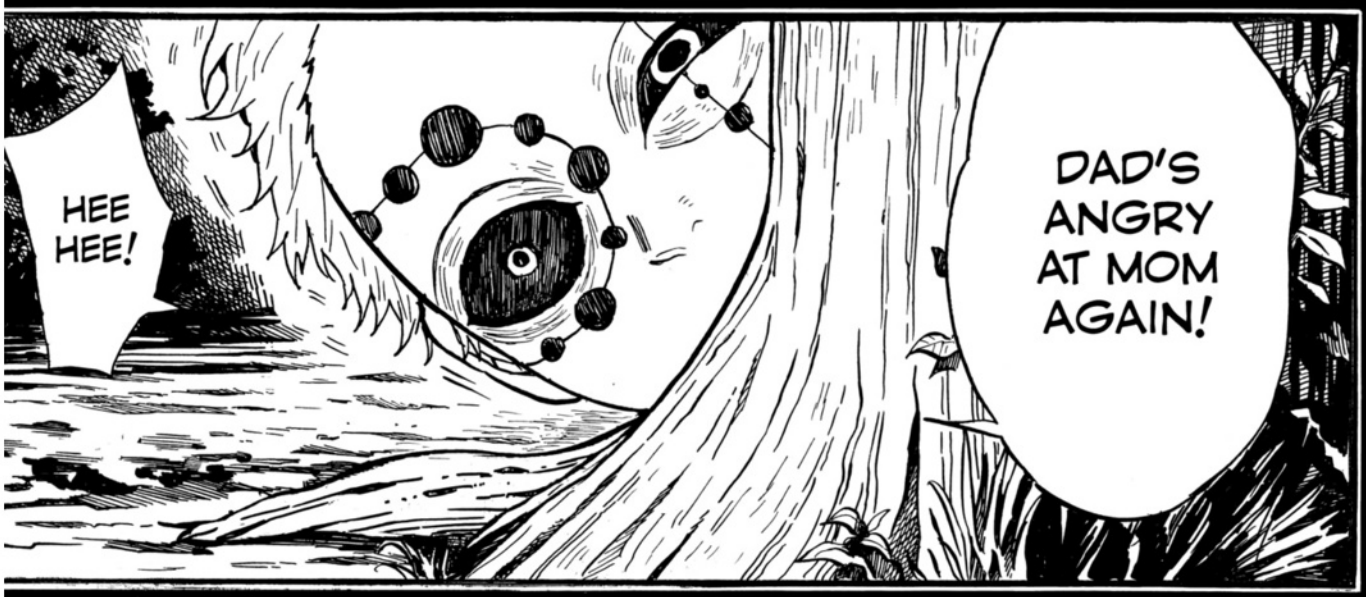
GYAAAH!
NOW ...
...I AM FREE.

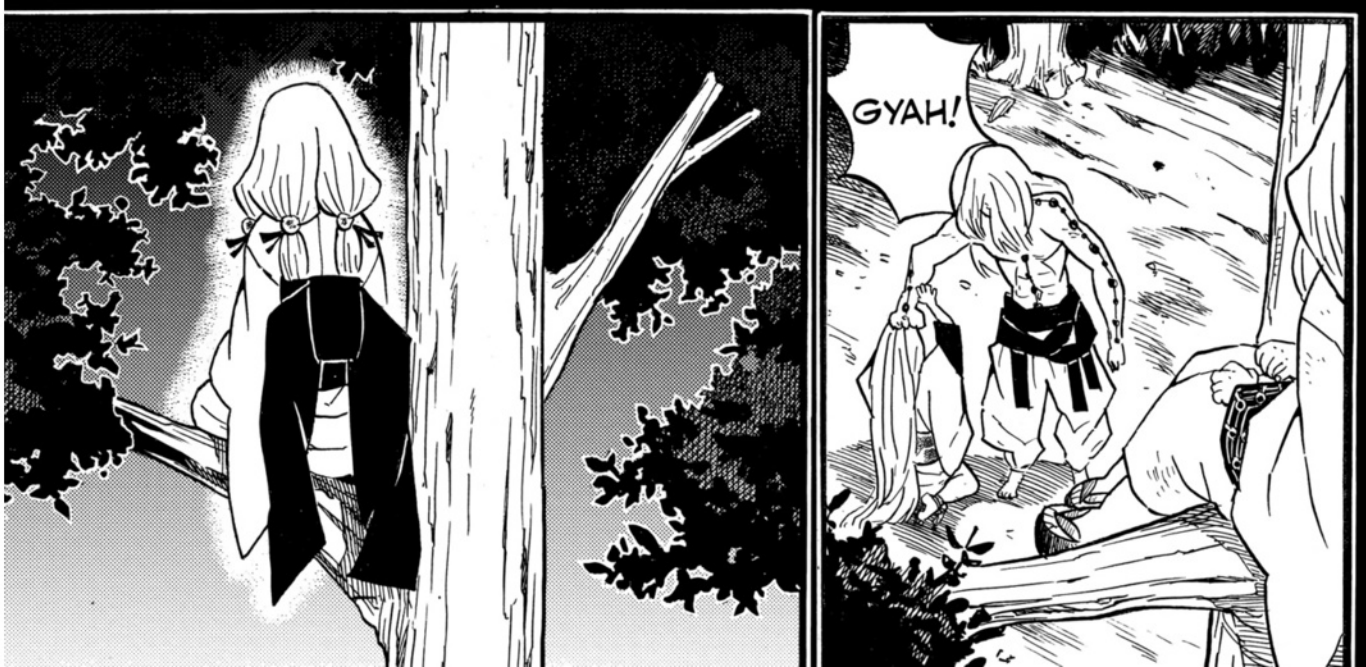

I'M SORRY ...
I APOLOGIZE. PLEASE FORGIVE ME.
WHAT IS HE ANGRY ABOUT? WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE?

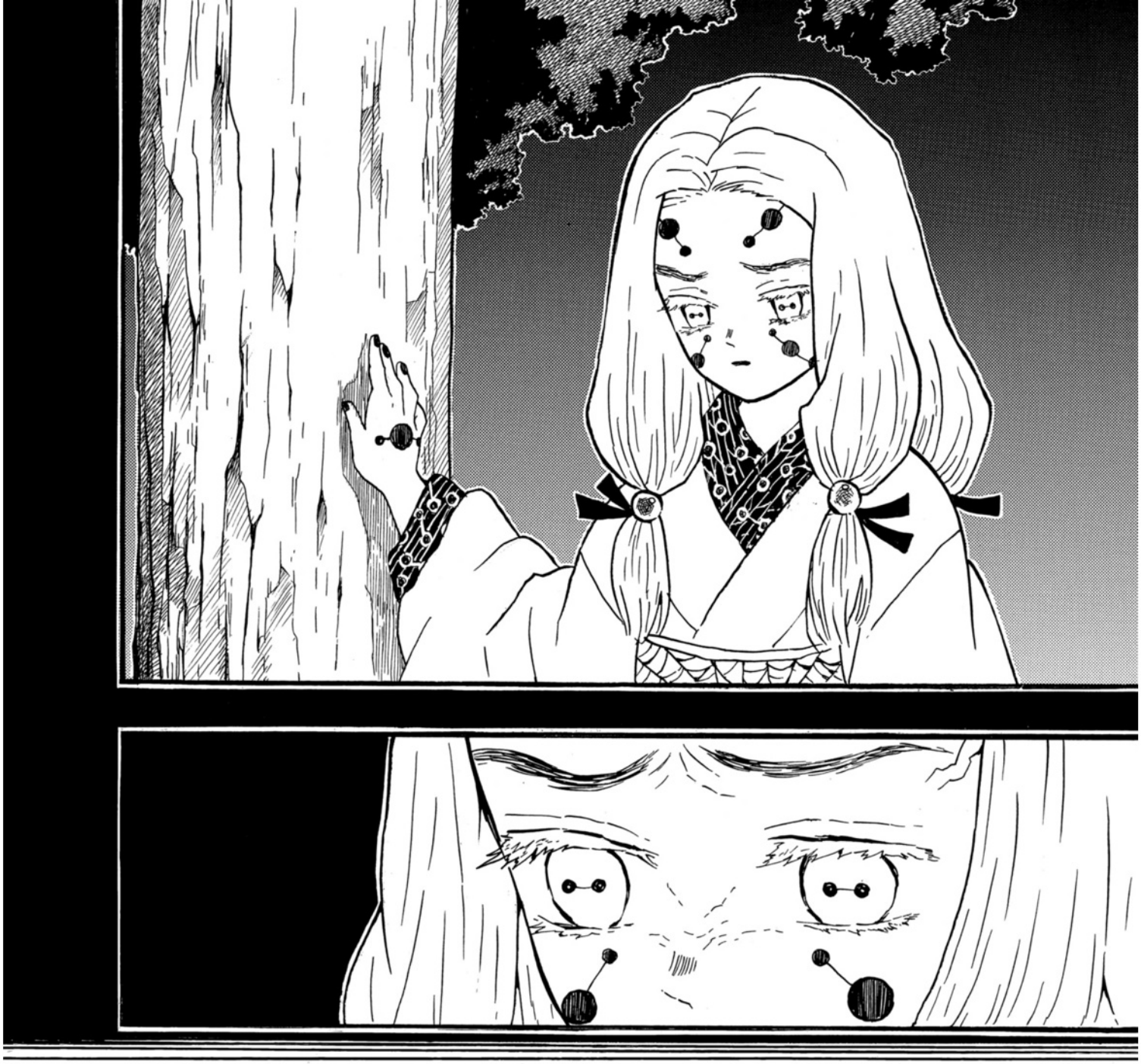
KRK
KRK
KRK

YOUR OFFENSE IS NOT KNOWING WHY HE'S ANGRY.

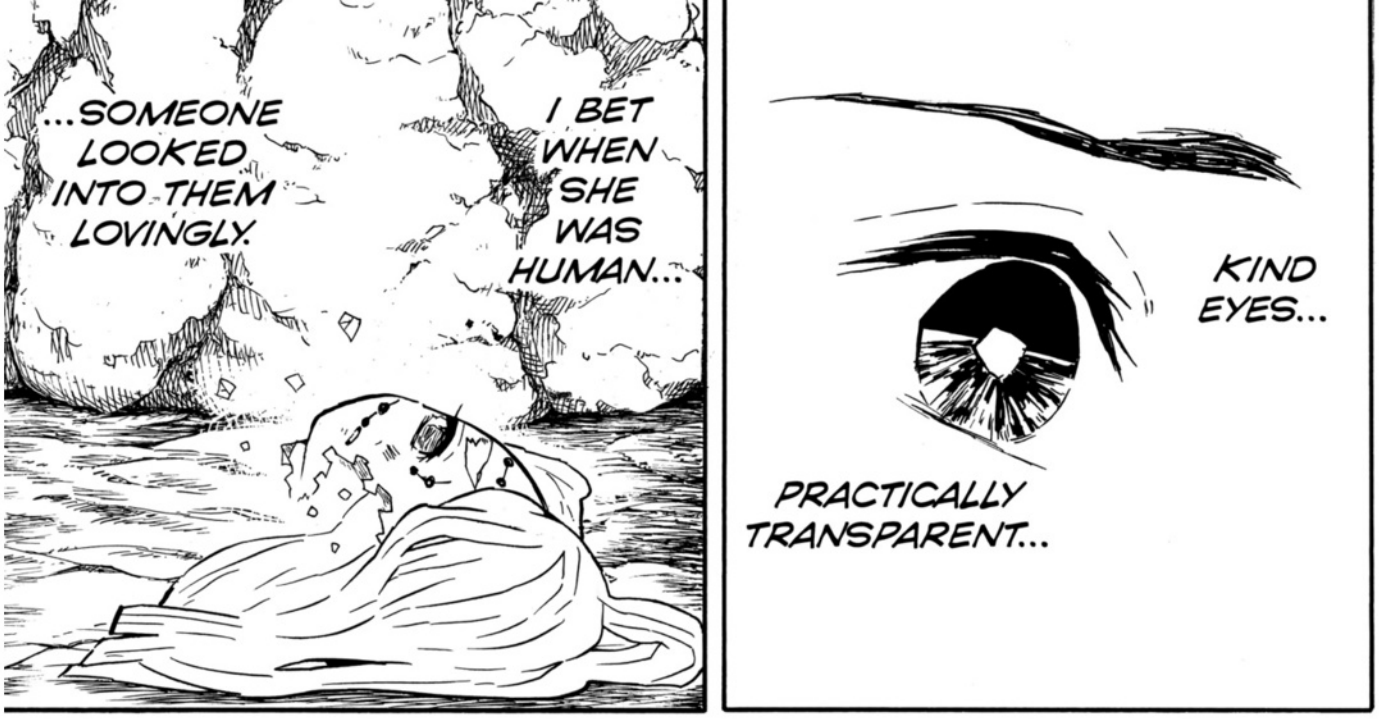

BUT...
BUT...
HEE HEE!
!!

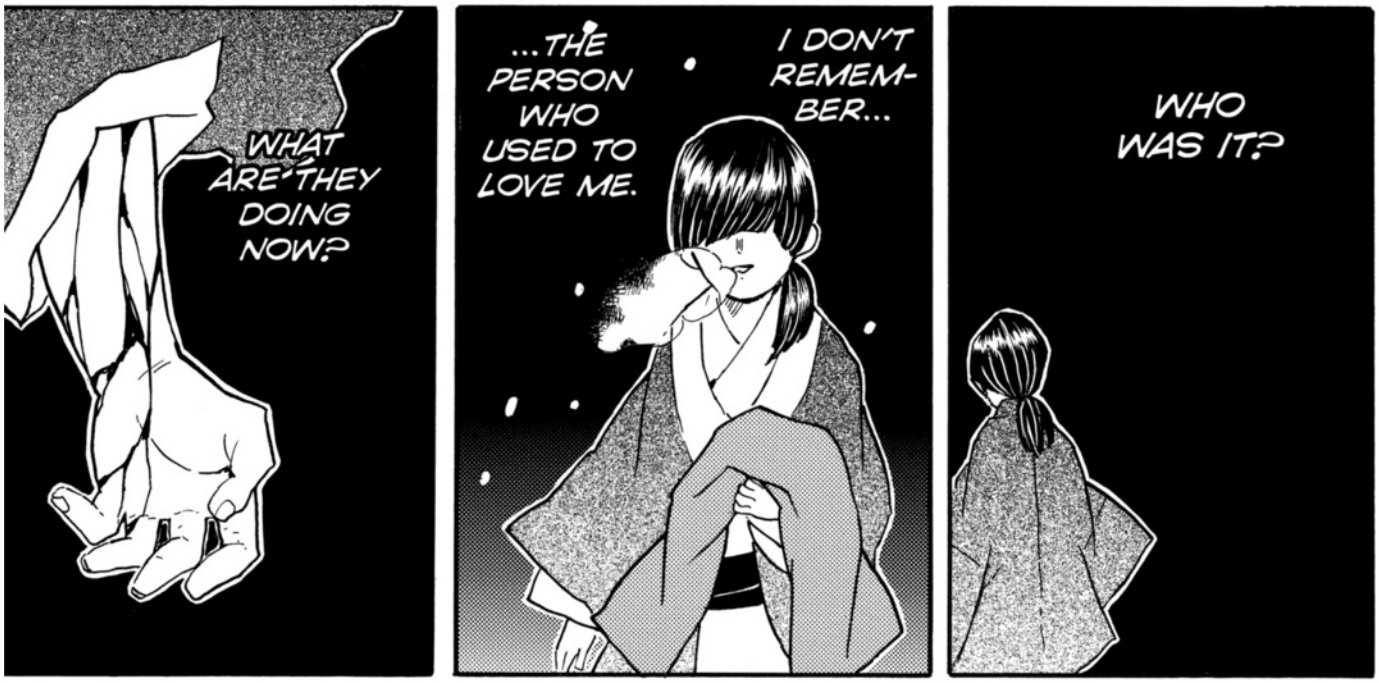

DAD'S ANGRY AT MOM AGAIN!
HEE HEE!

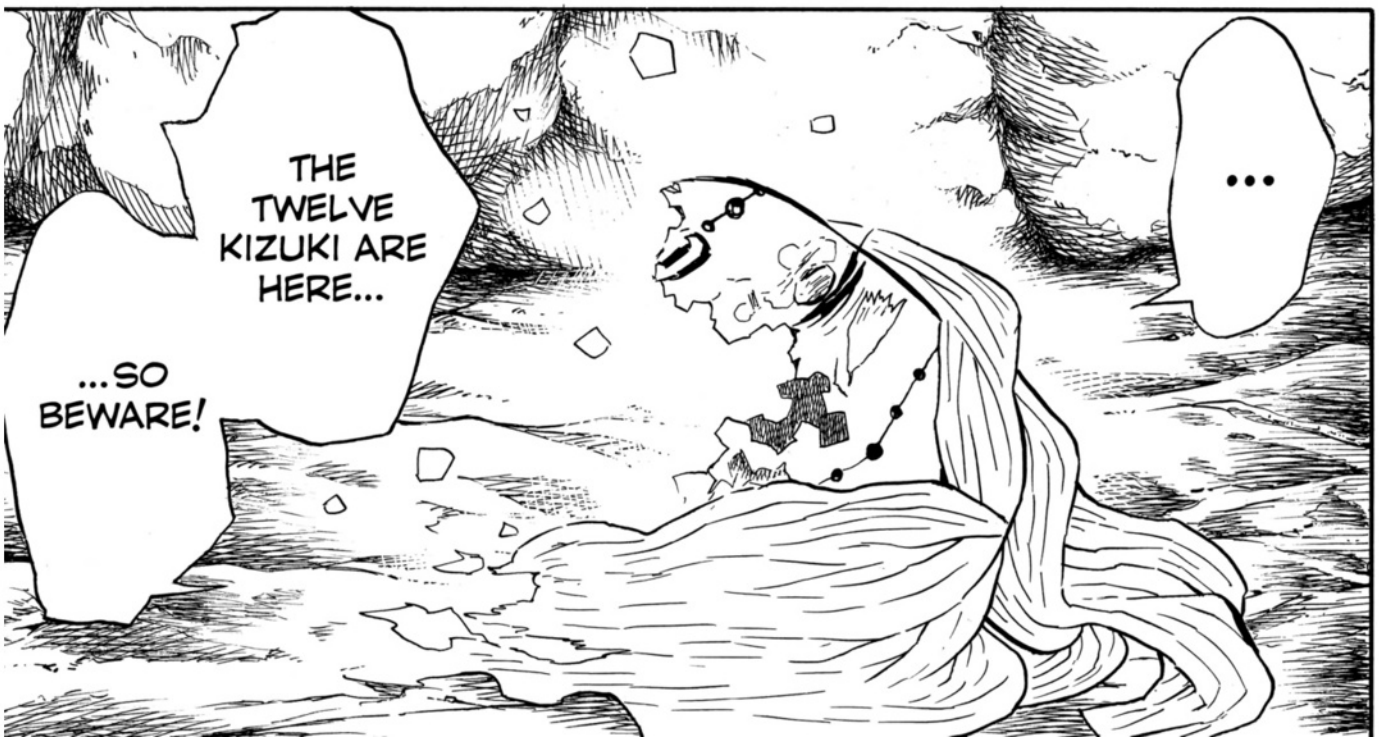

GYAH!



...EYES...
THOSE...


...SOMEONE LOOKED INTO THEM LOVINGLY.
I BET WHEN SHE WAS HUMAN...
KIND EYES...
PRACTICALLY TRANSPARENT...


WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW?
...THE PERSON WHO USED TO LOVE ME.
I DON'T REMEMBER...
WHO WAS IT?


THE TWELVE KIZUKI ARE HERE...
...SO BEWARE!
...

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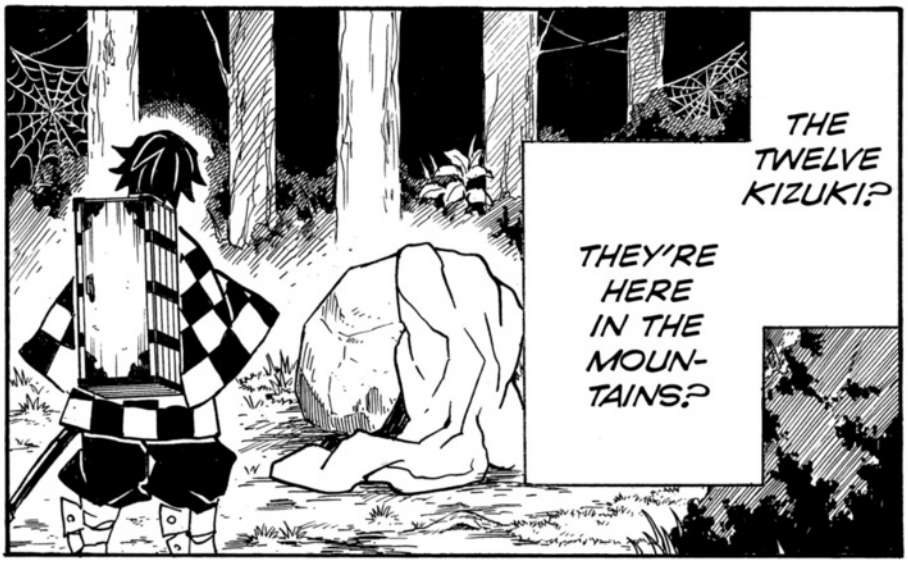
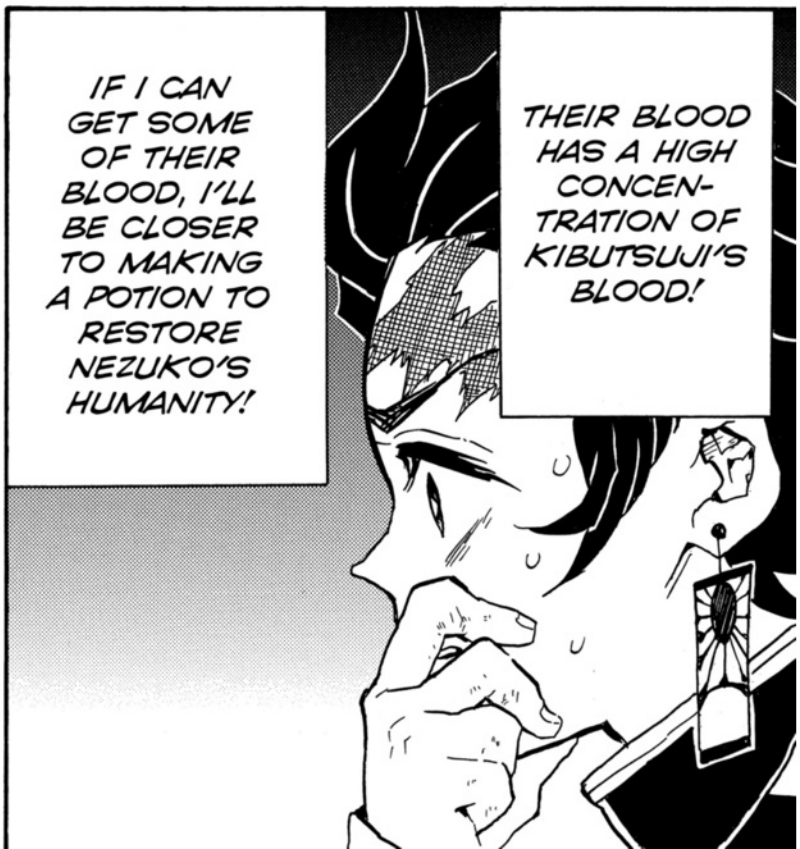
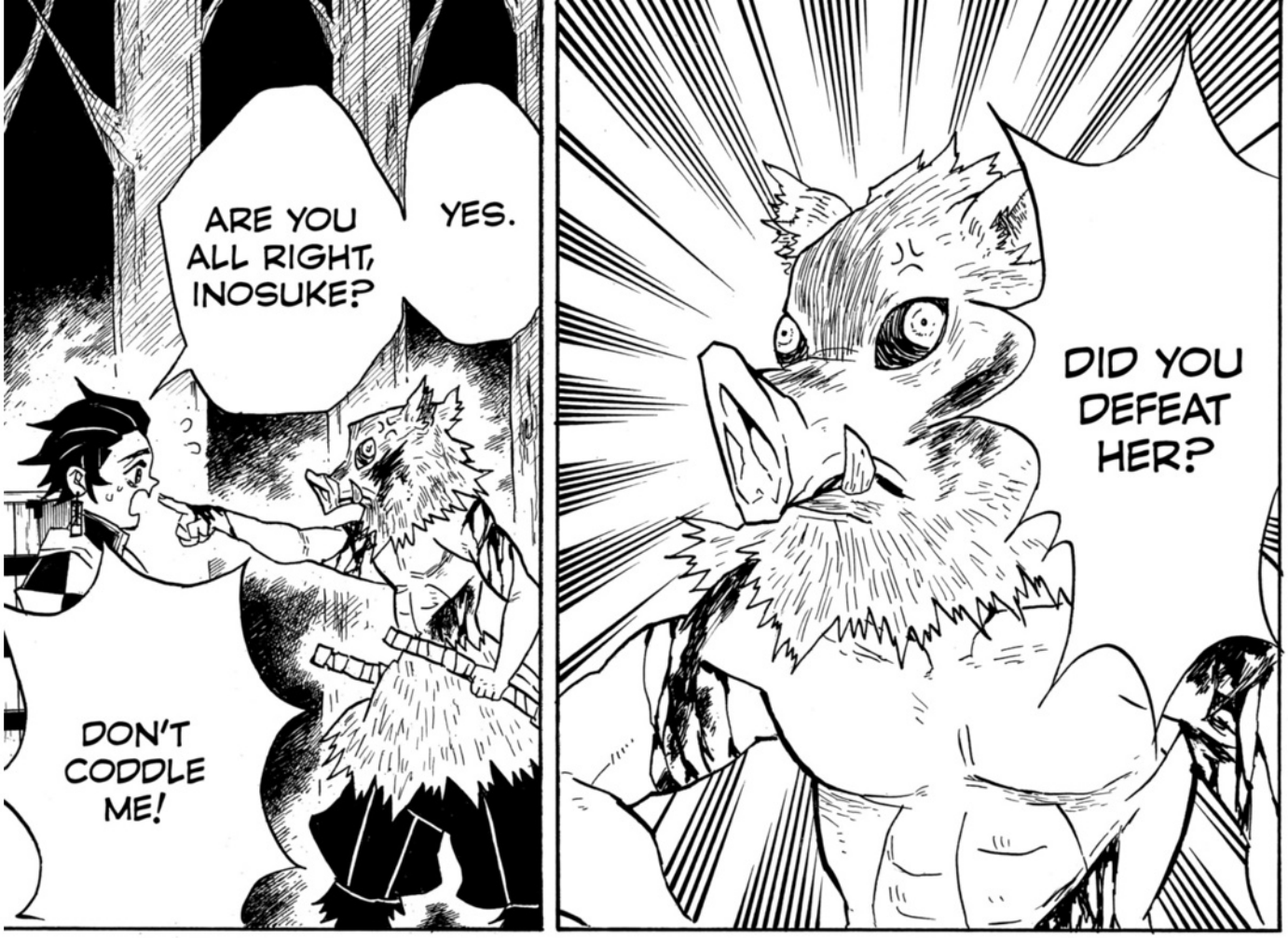

THE TWELVE KIZUKI?
THEY'RE HERE IN THE MOUN-TAINS?

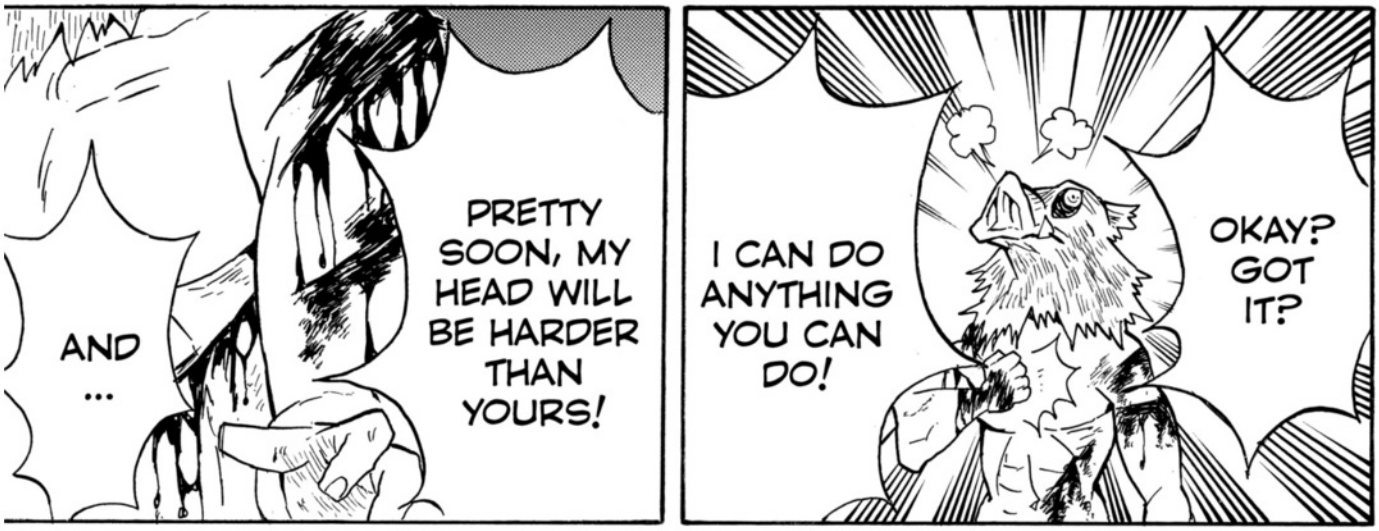
KSHH

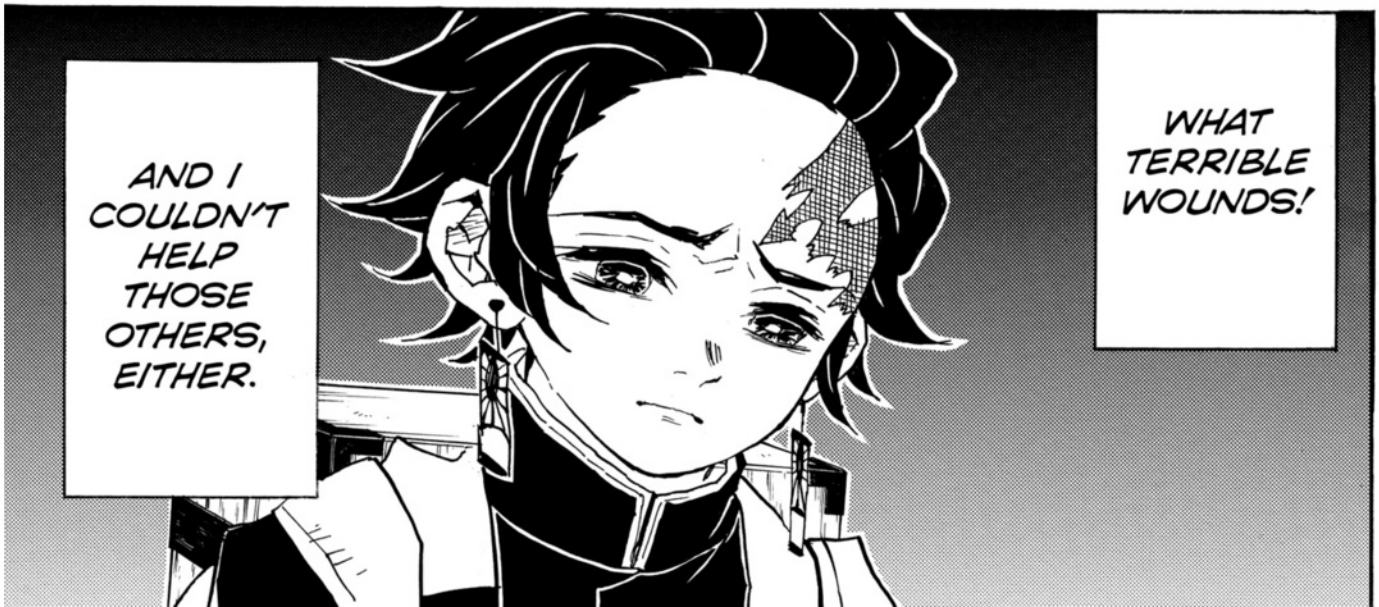
OH! WAIT!
GASP
INO-SUKE!

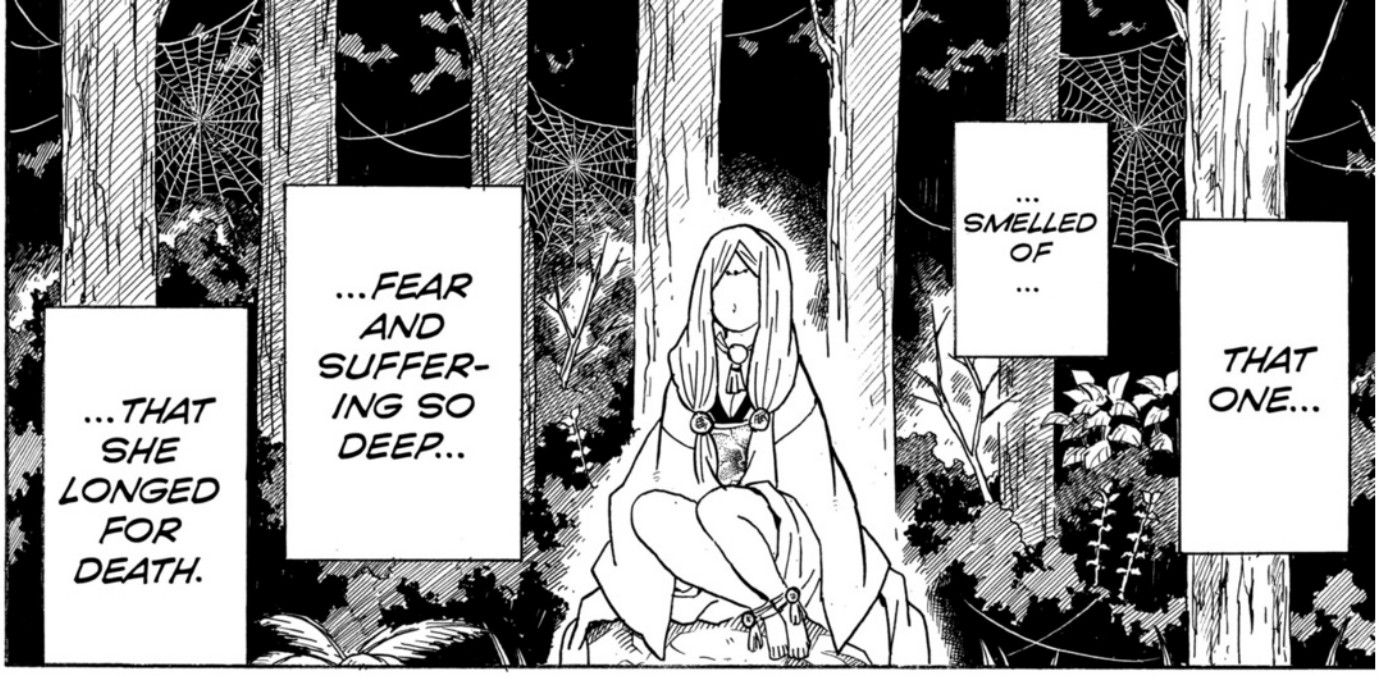
TMP TMP


IF I CAN GET SOME OF THEIR BLOOD, I'LL BE CLOSER TO MAKING A POTION TO RESTORE NEZUKO'S HUMANITY!
THEIR BLOOD HAS A HIGH CONCEN-TRATION OF KIBUTSUJI'S BLOOD!

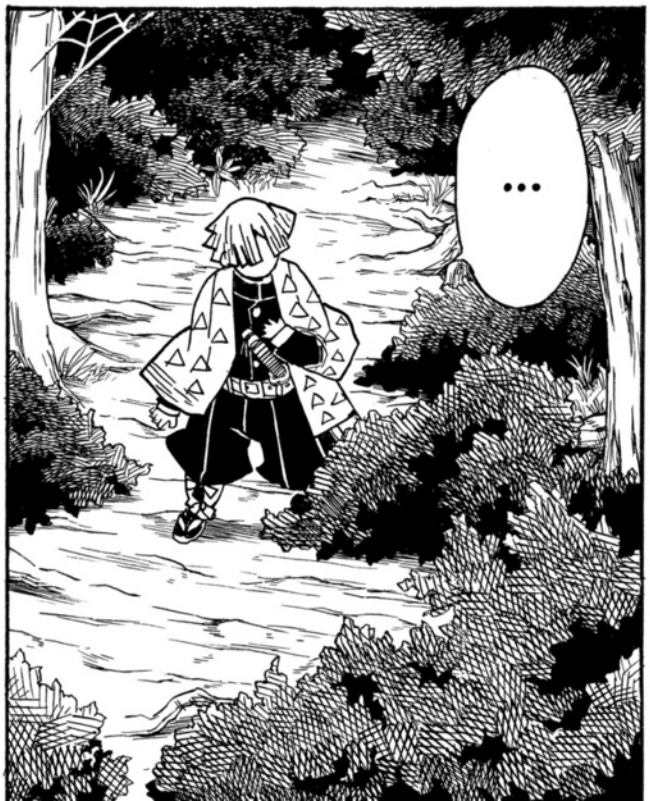

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, INOSUKE?
YES.
DON'T CODDLE ME!
DID YOU DEFEAT HER?


AND ...
PRETTY SOON, MY HEAD WILL BE HARDER THAN YOURS!
I CAN DO ANYTHING YOU CAN DO!
OKAY? GOT IT?


AND I COULDN'T HELP THOSE OTHERS, EITHER.
WHAT TERRIBLE WOUNDS!


...THAT SHE LONGED FOR DEATH.
...FEAR AND SUFFER-ING SO DEEP...
... SMELLED OF ...
THAT ONE...

I don't need it!
DOES A CLAN OF DEMONS LIVE ON THIS MOUN-TAIN?
I THOUGHT DEMONS DIDN'T GROUP UP?
Stop it!
WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THIS MOUNTAIN?!
THE TWELVE KIZUKI ARE HERE...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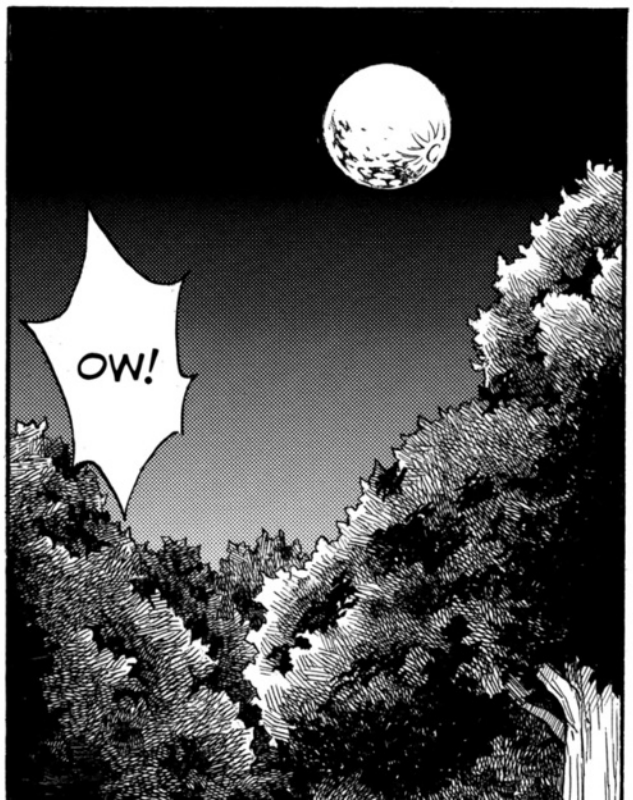
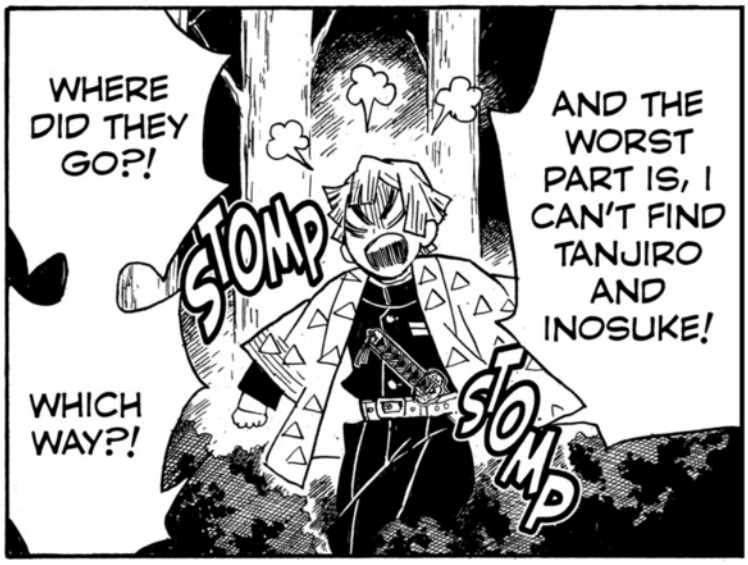

OW!

WHAT THE—?! ARRRGH!
I FELT A SUDDEN PANG!
IT MAKES ME MAD!

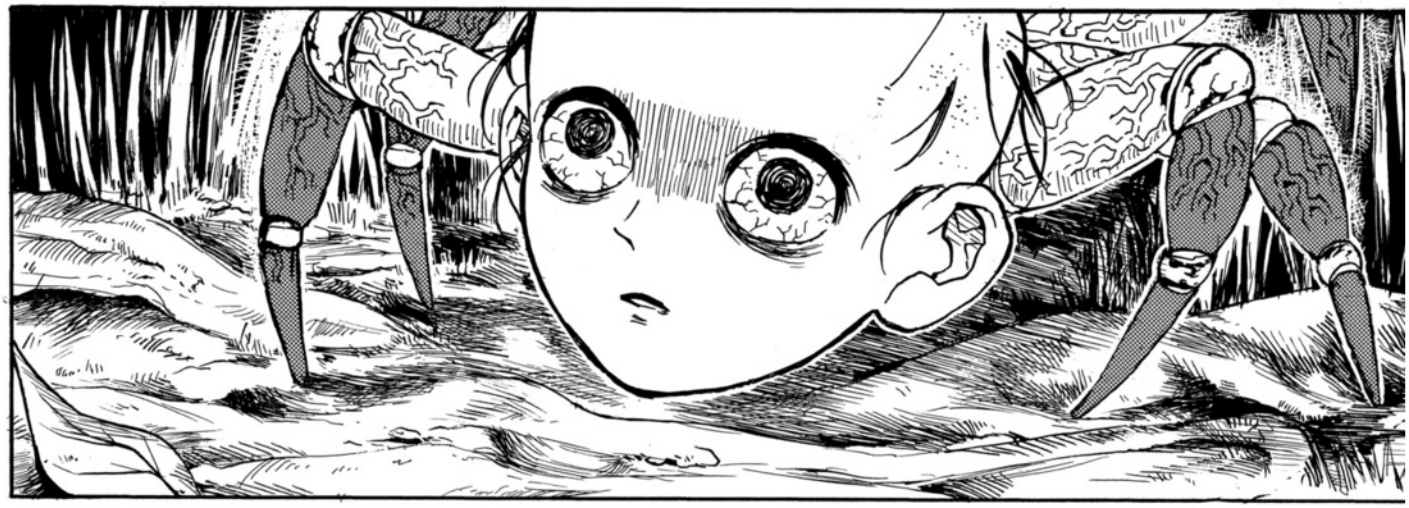
SKT
SKT
IT STINKS AROUND HERE!
I THINK I'M GONNA CRY!
SKT
SKT
PEE-YEWW!


WHERE DID THEY GO?!
STOMP
AND THE WORST PART IS, I CAN'T FIND TANJIRO AND INOSUKE!
WHICH WAY?!
STOMP

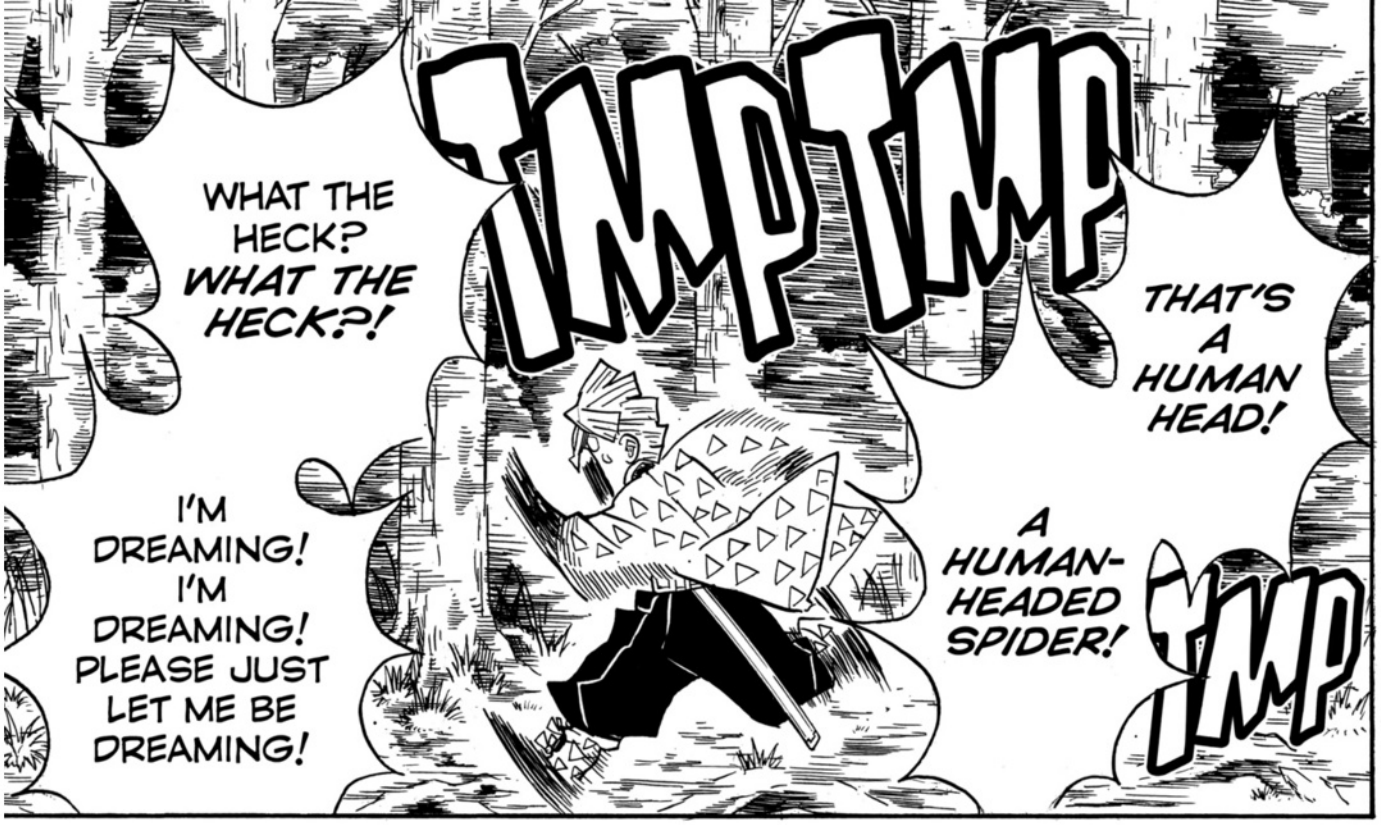
WHIP
GRAR!
RUSTLE
PIPE DOWN! STOP MOVING!

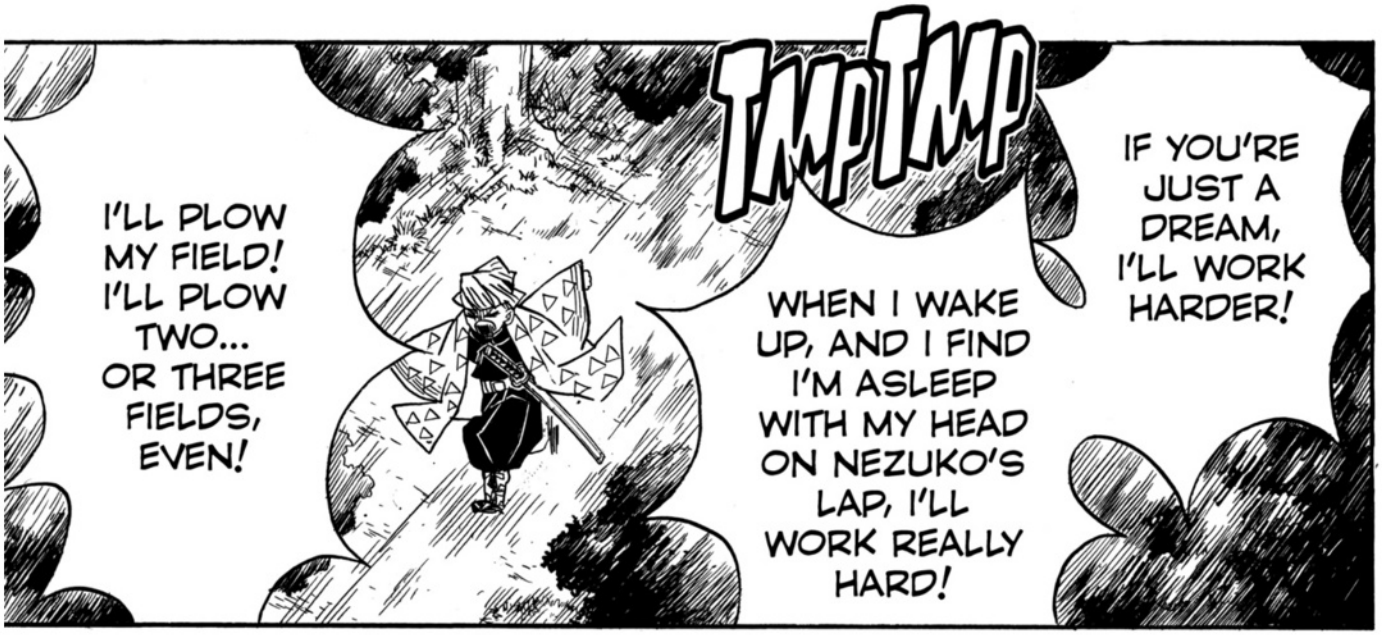
I KNOW THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO SURVIVE, BUT STILL!
THE SKITTERING SOUND THOSE SPIDERS MAKE IS REALLY GROSS!
URGH

SKT SKT



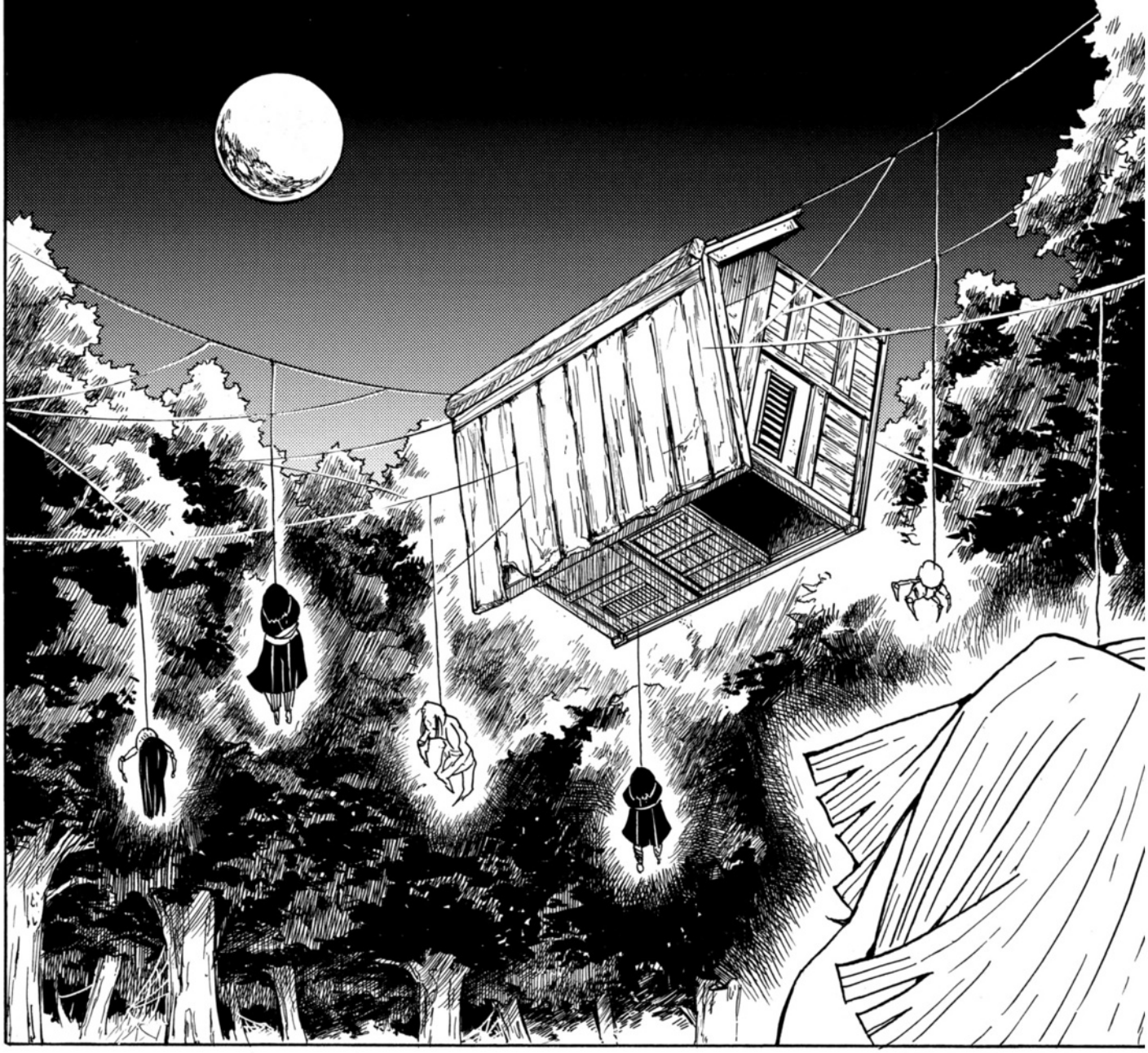
IS THAT EVEN
POSSIBLE?!

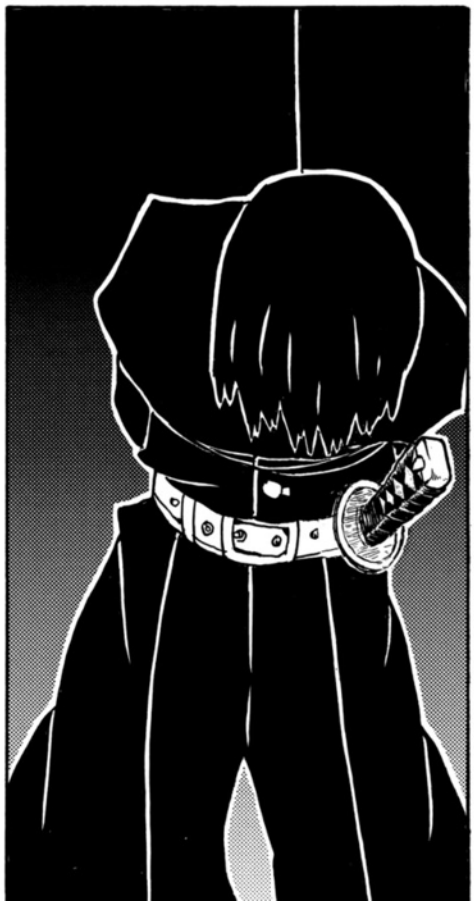

WHAT THE HECK? WHAT THE HECK?!
I'M DREAMING! I'M DREAMING! PLEASE JUST LET ME BE DREAMING!
TMP TMP
THAT'S A HUMAN HEAD!
A HUMAN-HEADED SPIDER!
TMP

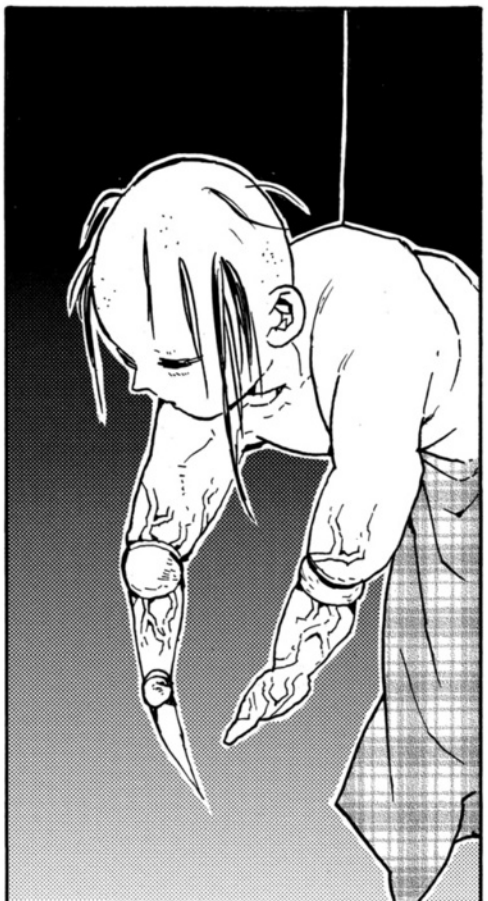

I'LL PLOW MY FIELD! I'LL PLOW TWO... OR THREE FIELDS, EVEN!
TMP TMP
WHEN I WAKE UP, AND I FIND I'M ASLEEP WITH MY HEAD ON NEZUKO'S LAP, I'LL WORK REALLY HARD!
IF YOU'RE JUST A DREAM, I'LL WORK HARDER!

SIP

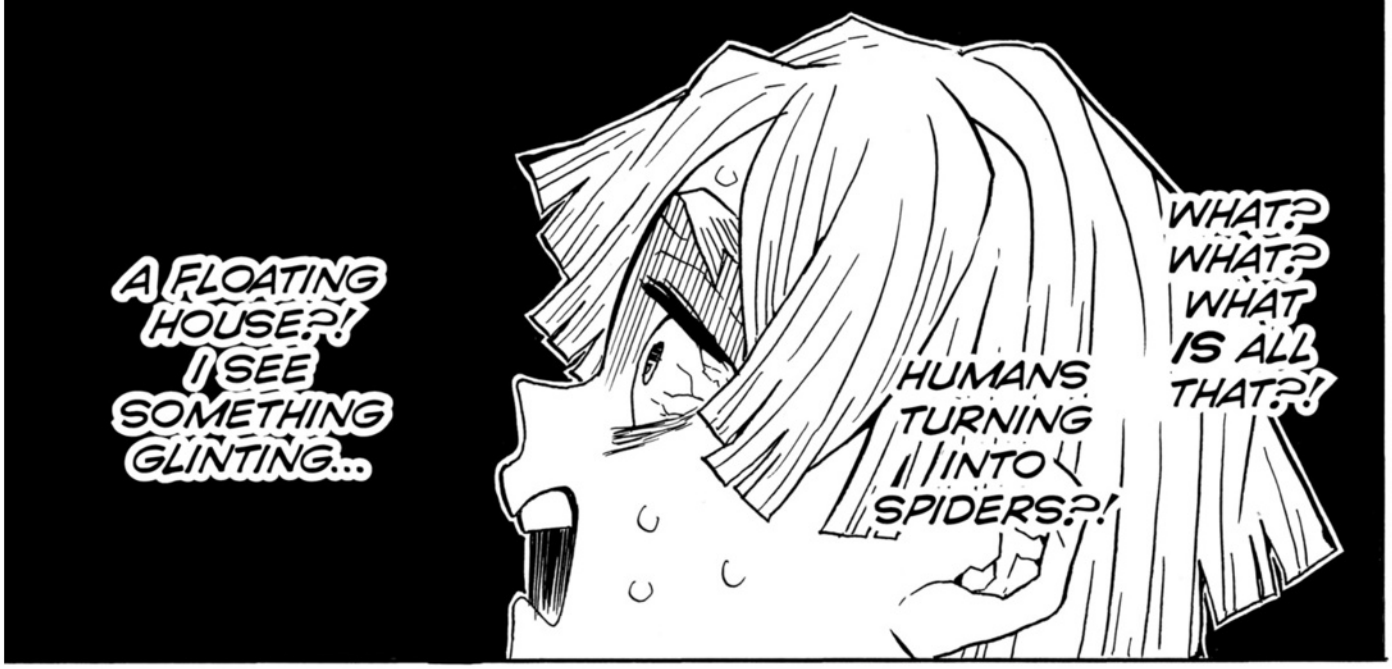
...WAKE UP FROM THIS NIGHT-MARE!
PLEASE JUST LET ME...

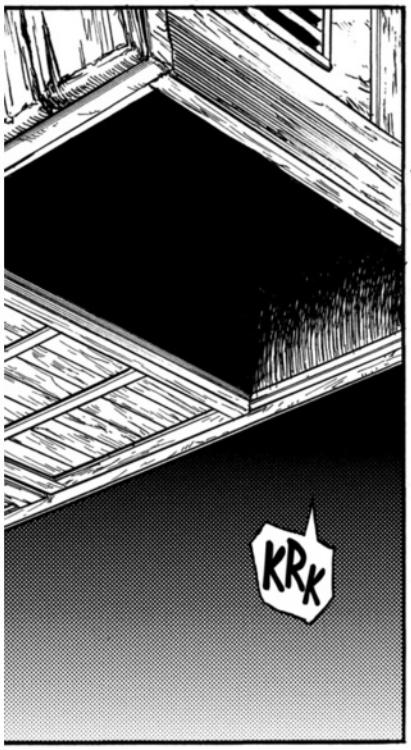


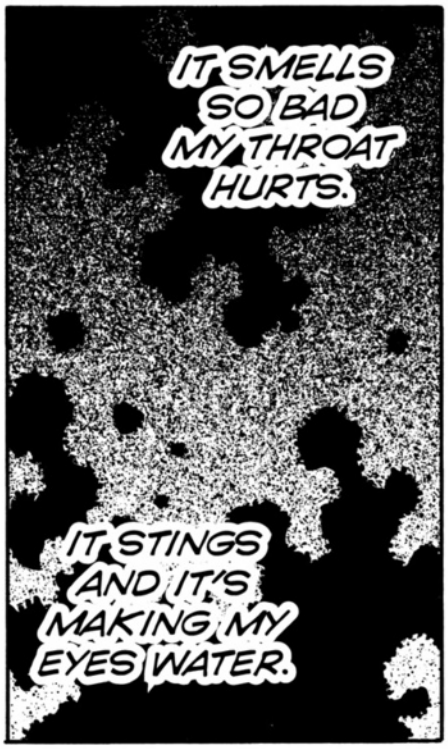




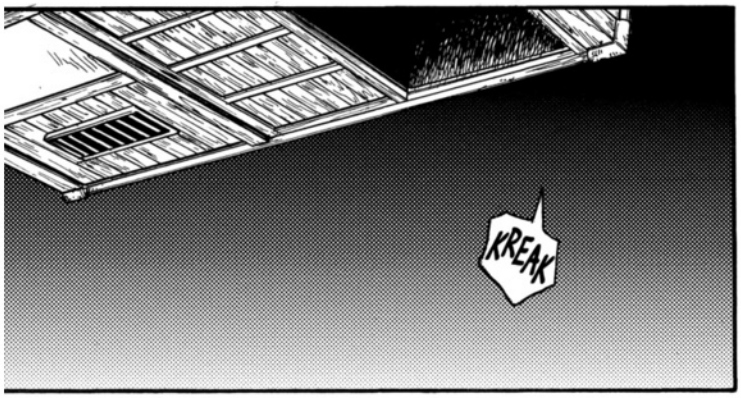
TWITCH
SHAKE
TWITCH


A FLOATING HOUSE?! I SEE SOMETHING GLINTING...
HUMANS TURNING INTO SPIDERS?!
WHAT? WHAT? WHAT IS ALL THAT?!


KRK


IT SMELLS SO BAD MY THROAT HURTS.
IT STINGS AND IT'S MAKING MY EYES WATER.

SO STRONG!
AND IT STINKS!
WITH HIS SENSITIVE NOSE, TANJIRO MUST BE DEAD!


KREAK

POP

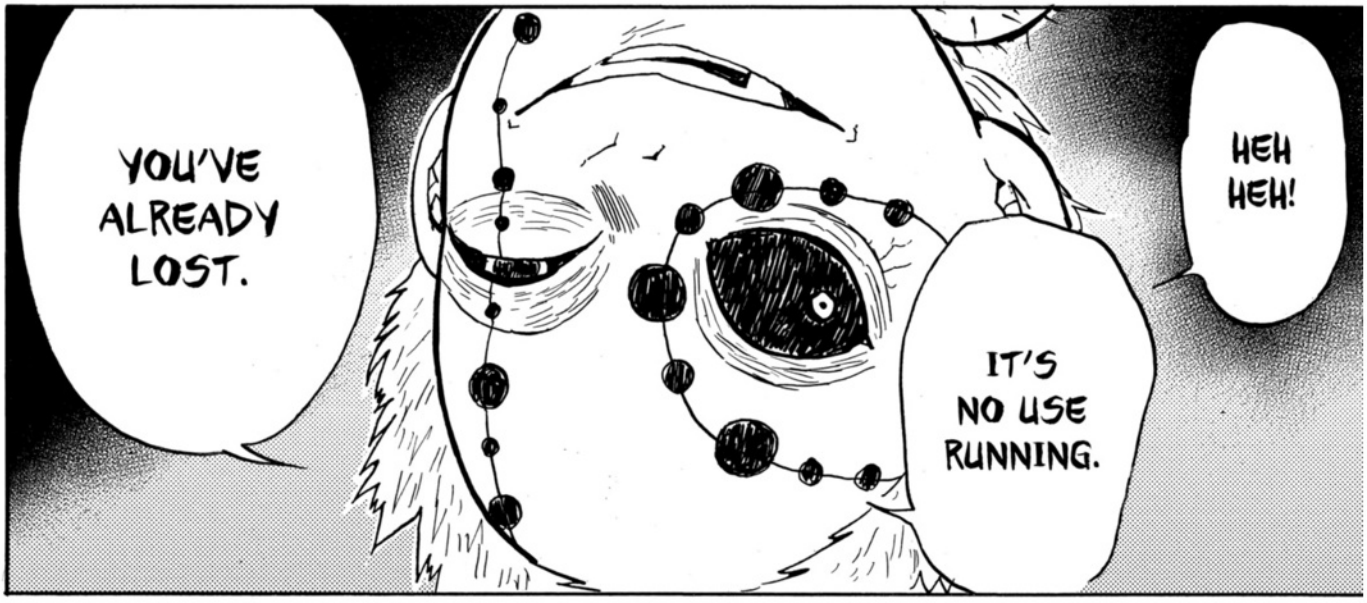
GASP!

ササササ

SIZZW
ZZWG
IT'S HUGE!
HUGE!
ZWP
ZWP
HSSS
IT'S GIANT!
HHN
IT'S TOO HUGE!
GASP
HAAAAH?!

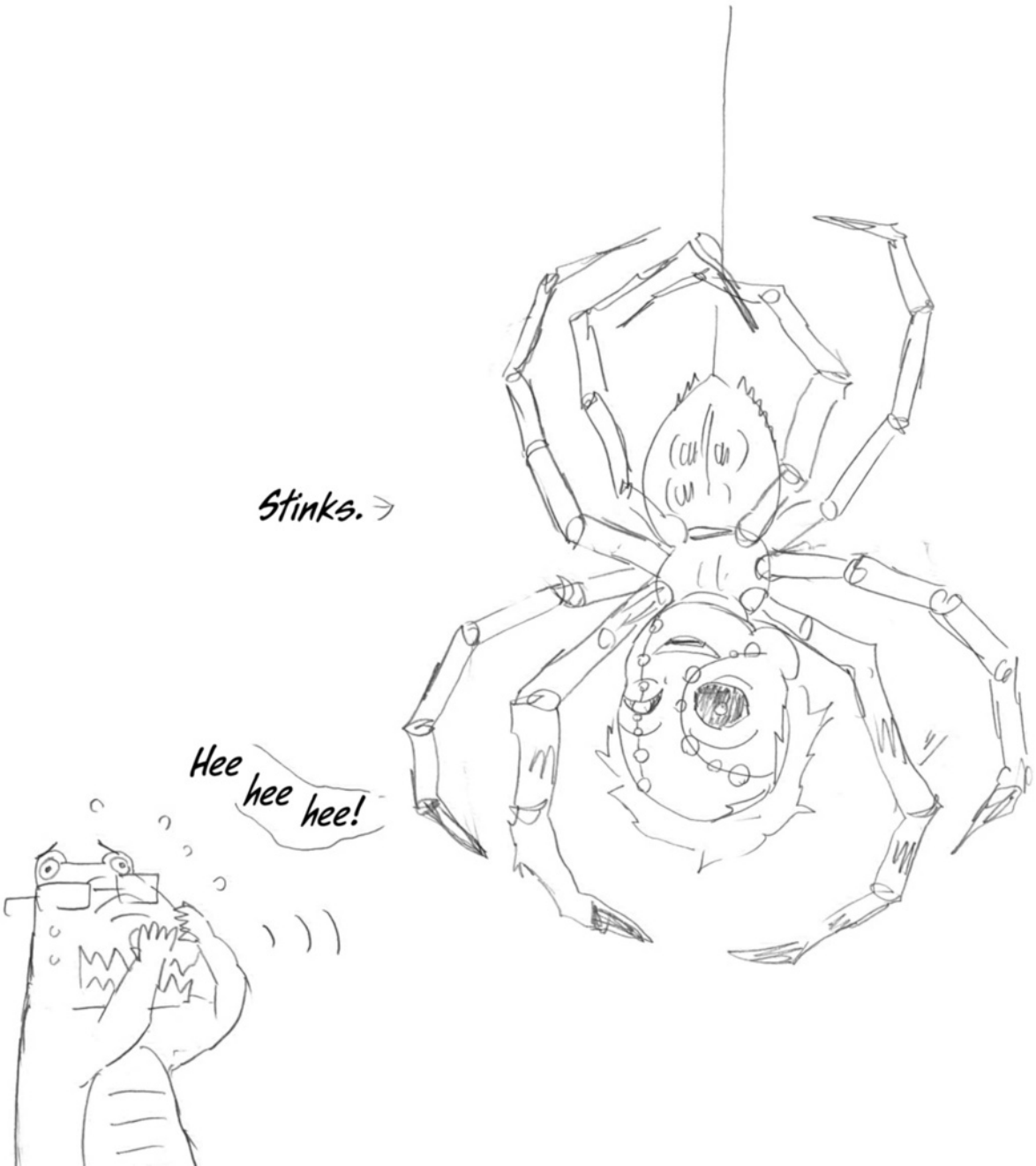
...WITH... WHATEVER YOU ARE!
I...
...AM NOT GONNA HAVE A CONVER-SATION...

DASH


HEH HEH!
IT'S NO USE RUNNING.
YOU'VE ALREADY LOST.

DON'T TALK TO ME!
I HATE GUYS LIKE YOU!
LOOK AT YOUR HAND.
HEH HEH HEH!

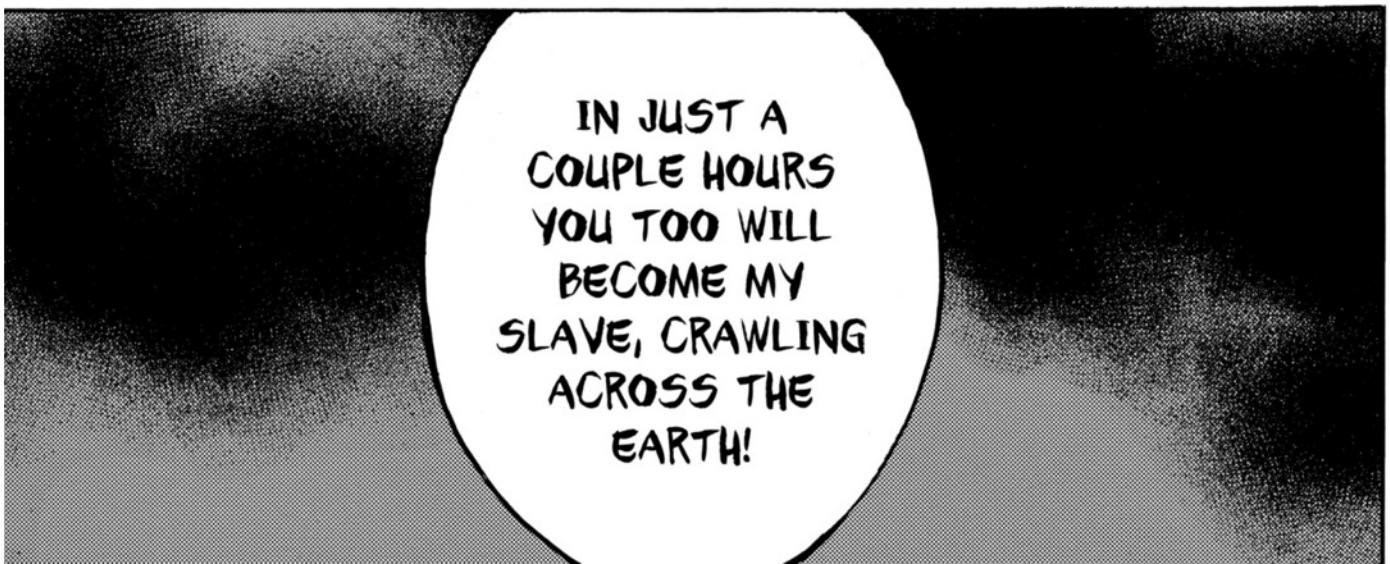
CHAPTER 33: SUFFERING AND FLOUNDERING AS YOU MOVE FORWARD


Stinks.
Hee hee hee!

?!
HUH? MY HAND?
WHAT ABOUT MY HAND ?!

HEH HEH!
...
HEH HEH HEH HEH!

YOU WERE BITTEN, RIGHT?
BY A SPIDER? THAT SPIDER'S POISON...
...WILL MAKE YOU A SPIDER TOO!


IN JUST A COUPLE HOURS YOU TOO WILL BECOME MY SLAVE, CRAWLING ACROSS THE EARTH!

LOOK AT THIS WATCH.

DO YOU UNDER-STAND?

WHEN THE BIG HAND REACHES HERE, YOU WILL JOIN THE SPIDERS.

WHEN IT REACHES HERE...

...YOUR HANDS AND FEET WILL BEGIN TO TINGLE.

TAP

TIK

TIK

WHEN IT REACHES HERE...

...YOU'LL FEEL DIZZY AND NAUSEOUS.

TAP

TIK

TIK

TIK

AND HERE YOU WILL FEEL INTENSE PAIN AND YOUR BODY WILL SHRINK...

...AND YOU'LL LOSE CON-SCIOUS-NESS.

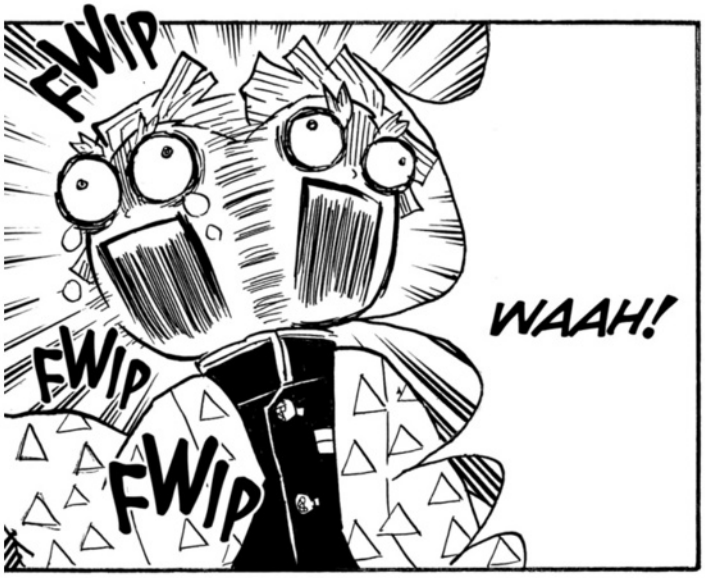
TAP

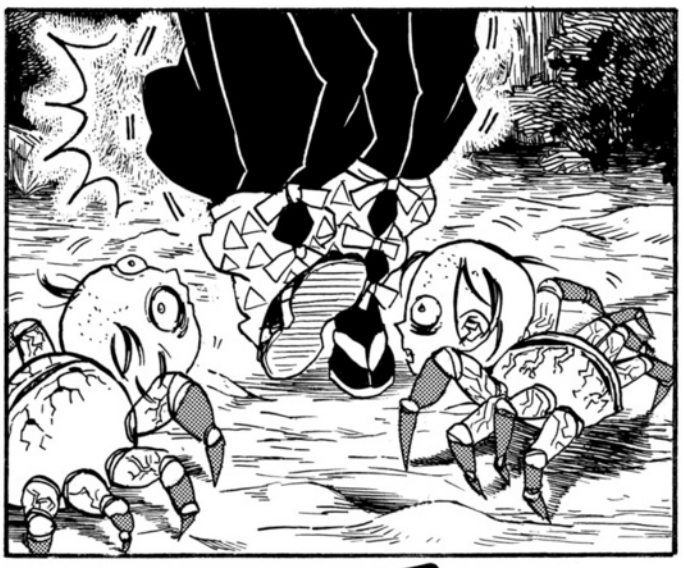
TIK

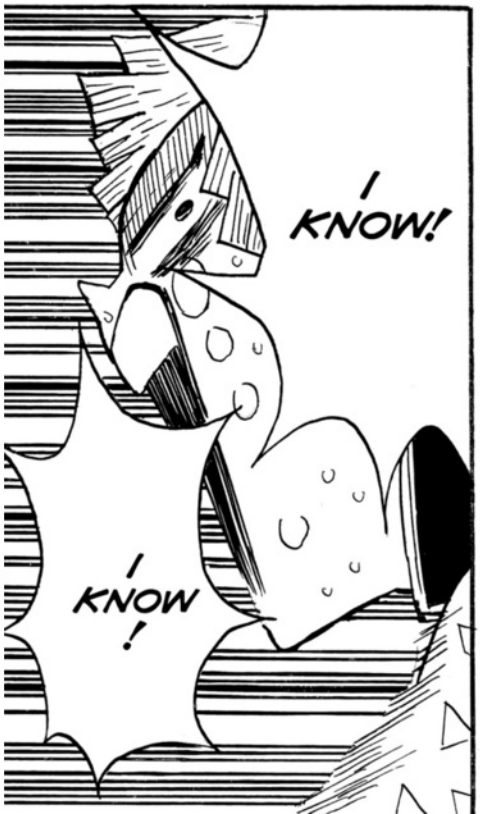
TIK

AND WHEN YOU WAKE UP...

GYAAAH!
GYAAAH!


FWIP
FWIP
FWIP
WAAH!

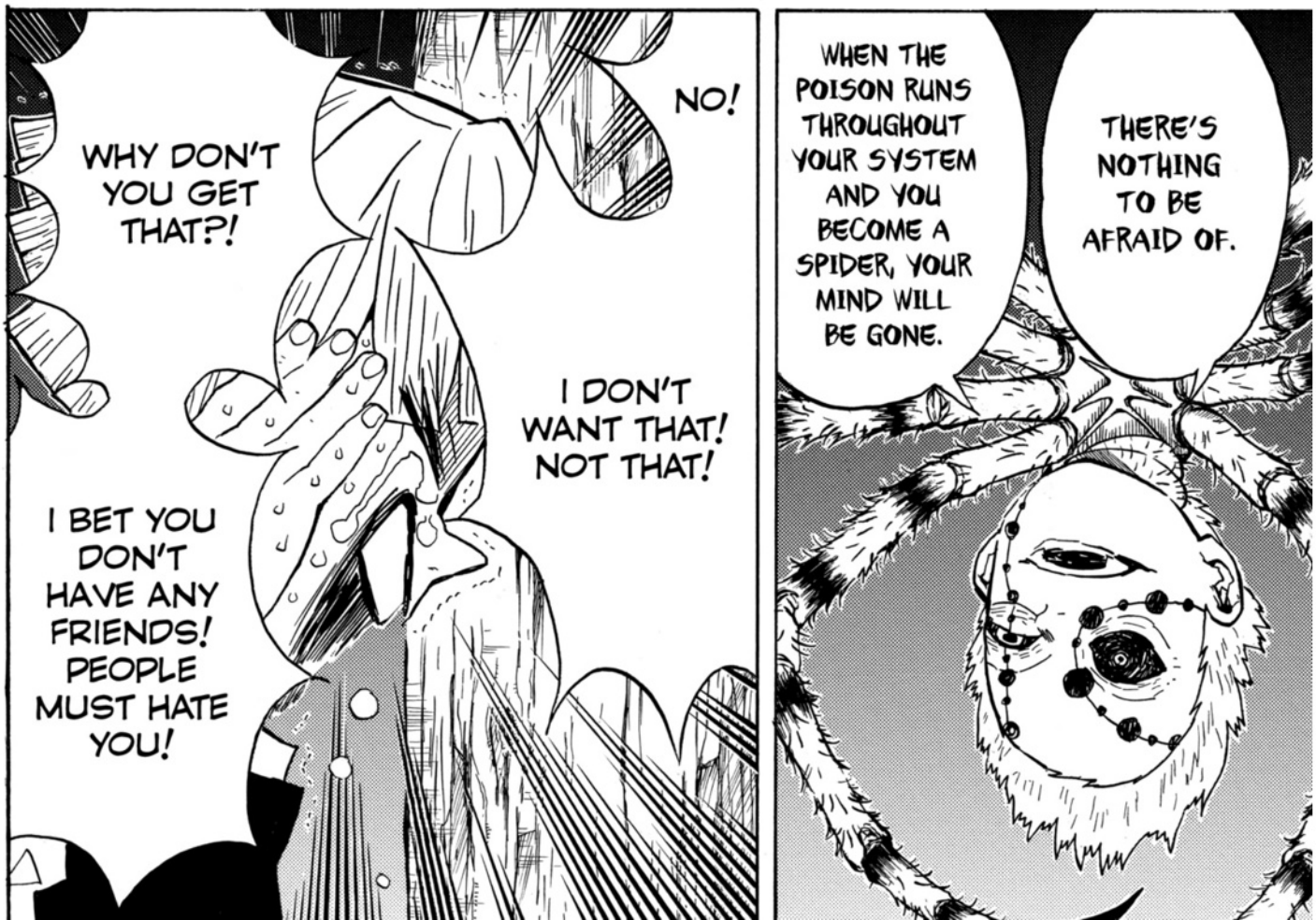



I KNOW!
I KNOW!

RUN-
NING–
I KNOW! I KNOW! IT WON'T HELP! I KNOW!

DASH

SOB
SOB
HA HA HA HA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
TPTPTP
SHUT UP!
JUST SHUT UP!


NO!
WHY DON'T YOU GET THAT?!
I DON'T WANT THAT! NOT THAT!
I BET YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS! PEOPLE MUST HATE YOU!
WHEN THE POISON RUNS THROUGHOUT YOUR SYSTEM AND YOU BECOME A SPIDER, YOUR MIND WILL BE GONE.
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF.

FWIP FWIP
NO, NO!
I DON'T WANT TO BE LIKE THAT!
AIEEEE!
EEEEE!
GLARE
...
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!
THERE'S NO POINT IN SUCH BEHAVIOR!
DON'T RUN AWAY!
STOP BLUB-BERING!

HMPH
THIS ISN'T GOING TO KILL YOU!
GET DOWN HERE, YOU IDIOT!
HMPH
NO, I'M DYING OUT THERE!
... I'M GONNA DIE!
IF I TRAIN ANY MORE...
SNIFF
I LOVE YOU, GRAMPS!
GRAMPS!
CALL ME MASTER!
WELL, MAYBE YOU WERE JUST BUYING MY AFFECTION ...
...WHO HELPED ME? YOU DID!
WHEN I WAS DROWNING IN DEBT BECAUSE I GAVE MONEY TO A GIRL I FELL IN LOVE WITH, AND SHE RAN AWAY WITH ANOTHER GUY...

I'M SORRY THAT THIS IS HOW I AM!
BUT I CAN'T!
...SO YOU COULD TRAIN ME AS A SWORDSMAN. STILL, I *WANT* TO MEET YOUR EXPEC-TATIONS!
POK
GYAAH
I BARELY EVEN SLEEP!
I PRACTICE SECRETLY ON MY OWN TOO!
WHY NOT? WHY THE HECK NOT?!
BUT I DON'T GET ANY RESULTS!
SNAP
CALM DOWN, ZENITSU!
YOU HAVE TALENT, SO—

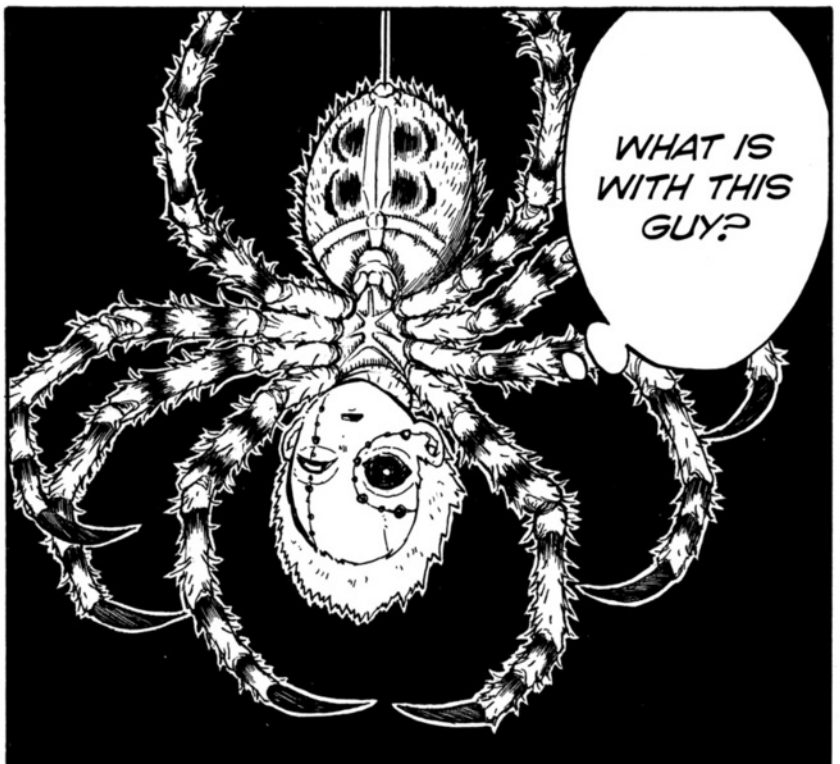
ZENITSUUU!
WHAT A MISER-ABLE LIFE.
I EVEN GOT STRUCK BY LIGHT-NING.
IT CHANG-ED...
...MY HAIR COLOR.
SURE, I WAS HAPPY ...
...JUST TO BE ALIVE, BUT...

...I...
...HAD ABSOLUTELY NO FAITH IN MYSELF!
I ALWAYS TRY TO DO A GOOD JOB...
...BUT I GET SCARED ...
...AND THEN...
...I RUN AWAY CRYING.

I WANT TO BE A BETTER PERSON.
I WANT TO CHANGE.

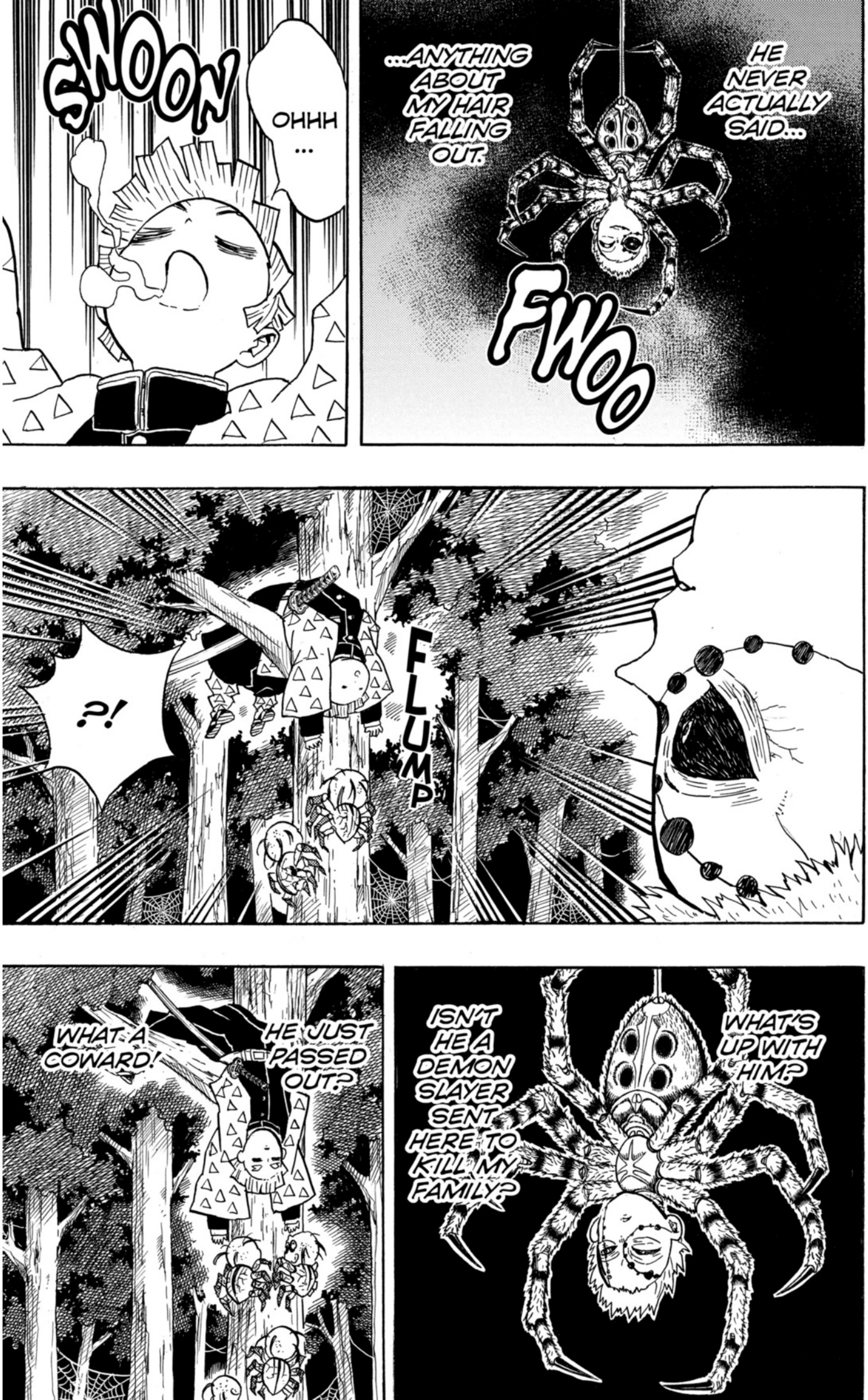
IT'S THE LAST STRAW! HOW CAN I TAKE THIS?
SNORK!
BUT NOW I'M GONNA TURN INTO A MONSTER WITHOUT ANY HAIR?! NO WAY!
I'M WORKING AS HARD AS I CAN TOO!

SKT SKT


WHAT IS WITH THIS GUY?

SHUCK
GYAH! NO! DON'T COME UP HERE!
LEAVE ME ALONE!
JUST GIMME A MOMENT!

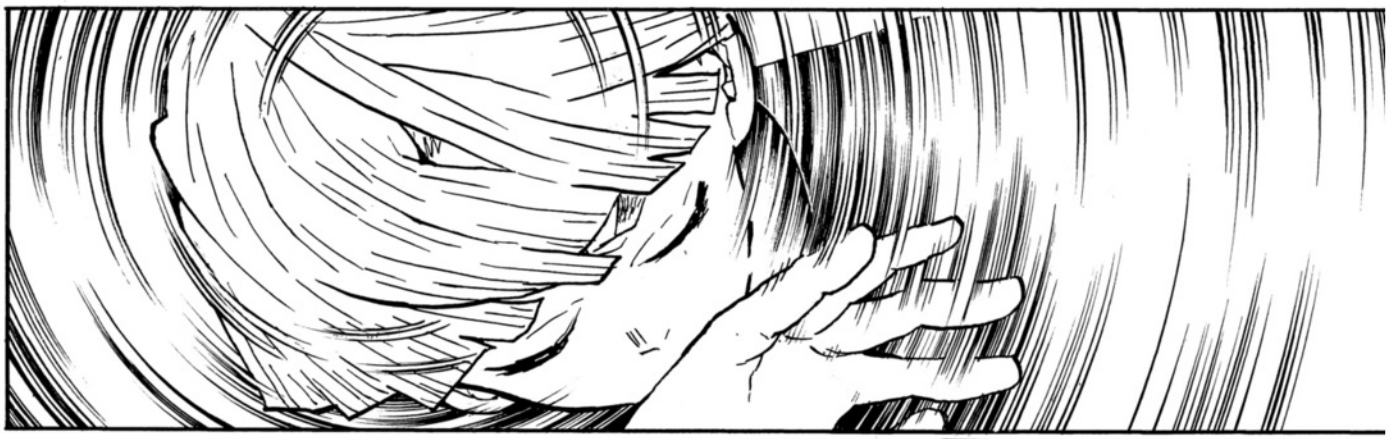
...FALLING OUT ALREADY?
...IS IT...
SNIFF

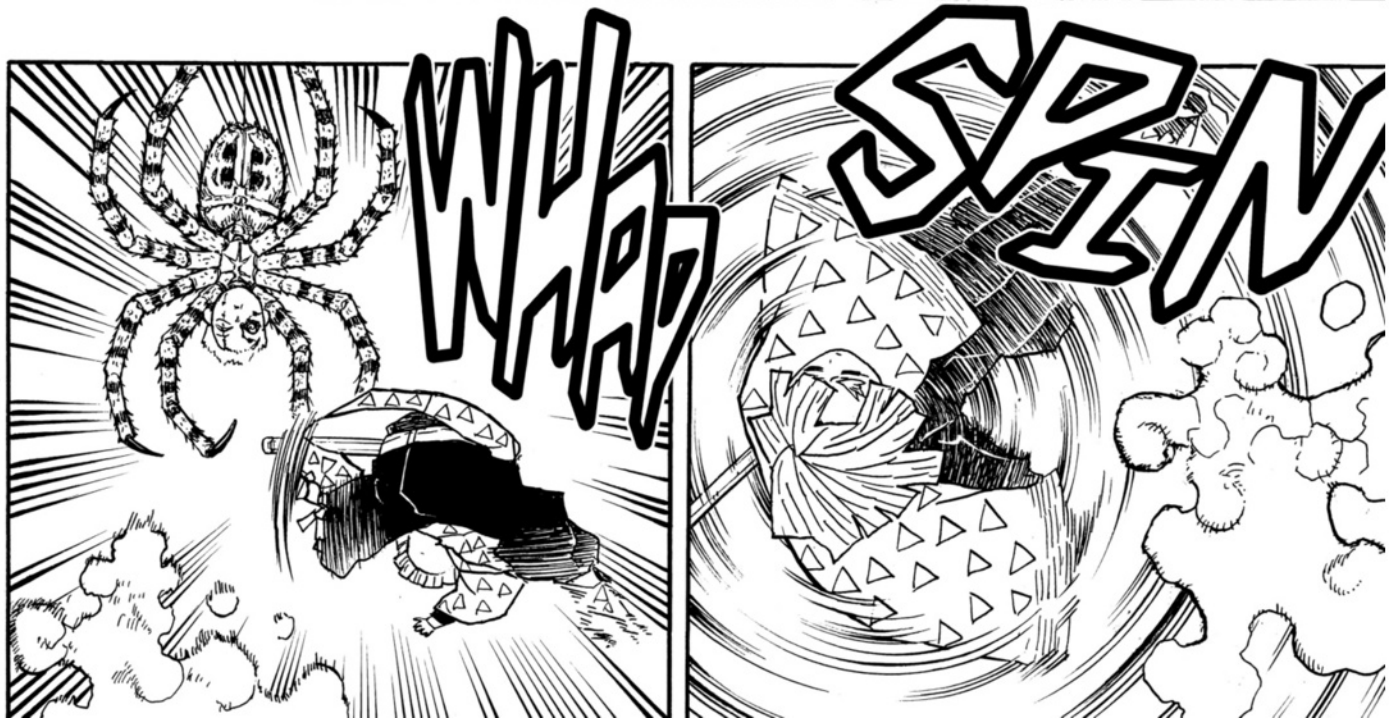

SWOON
OHHH
...
...ANYTHING ABOUT MY HAIR FALLING OUT.
HE NEVER ACTUALLY SAID...
FWOO
?!
FLUMP
WHAT A COWARD!
HE JUST PASSED OUT?
ISN'T HE A DEMON SLAYER SENT HERE TO KILL MY FAMILY?
WHAT'S UP WITH HIM?

WHAT THE...?
HE'LL FALL ON HIS HEAD AND DIE!
FWMPH
HISS
THUNDER FLASH!
THUNDER BREATHING: FIRST FORM

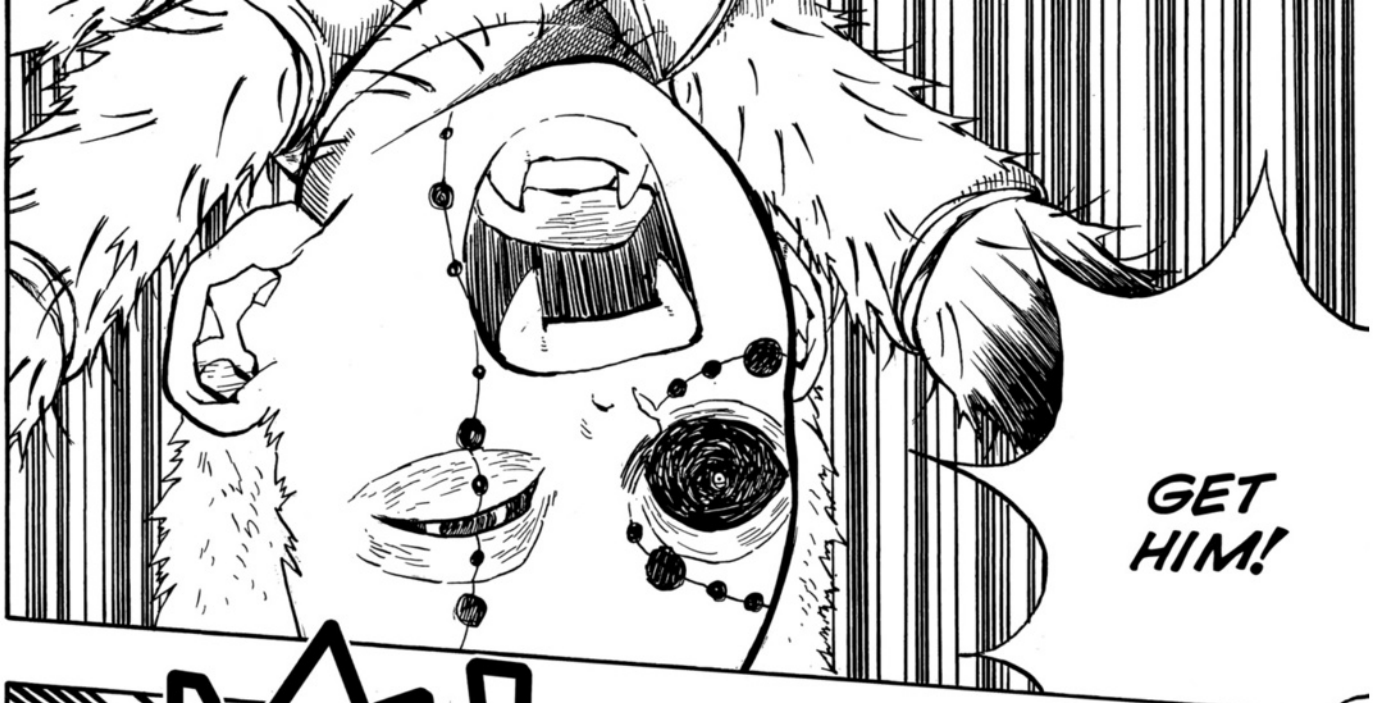
ジャンプ

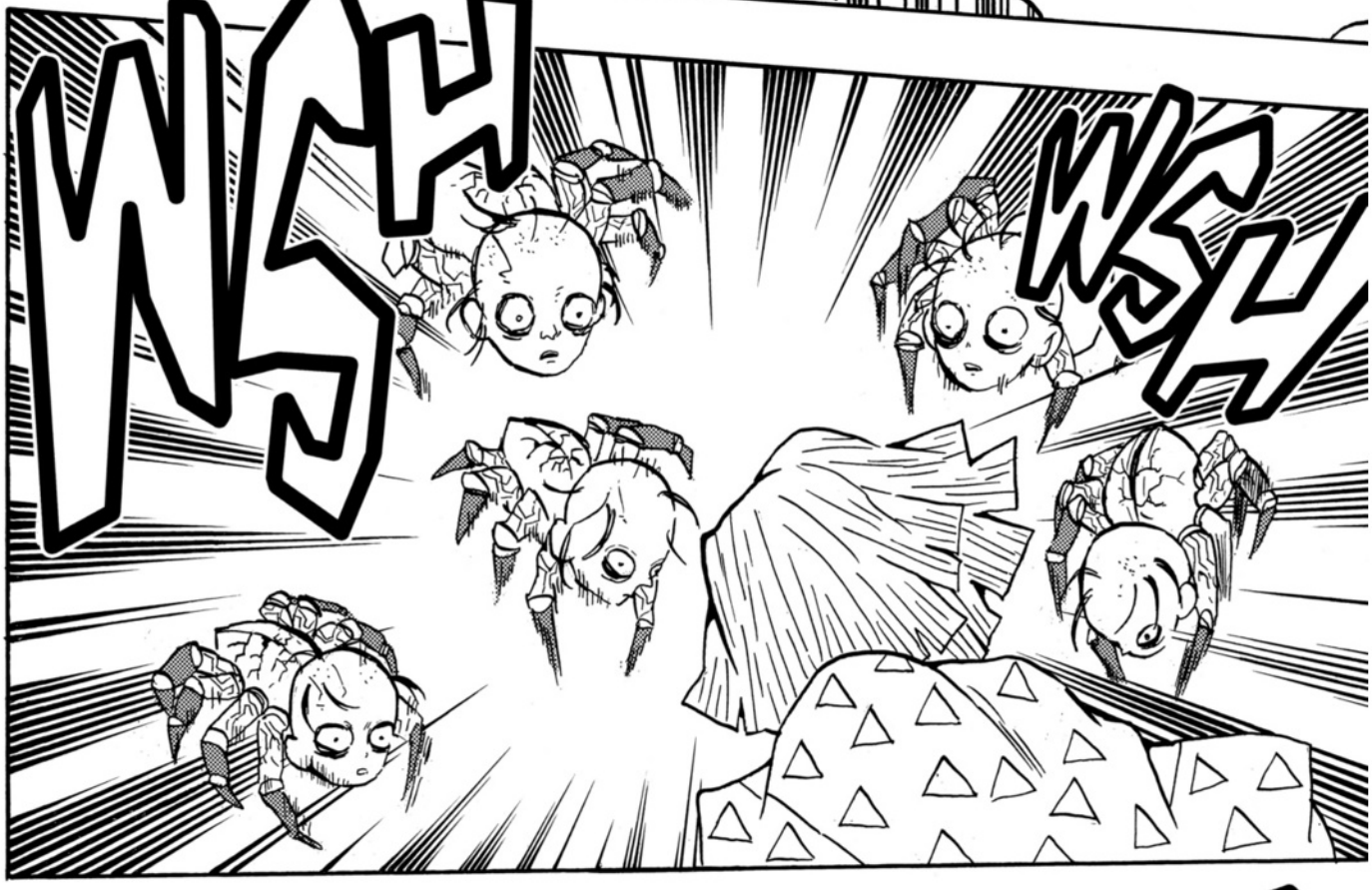
POISON SPUTUM!




WHOP
SPIN

SWOOSH
TWISTING IN MIDAIR TO DODGE....!
SUCH A SKILLFUL MOVE! HE'S LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON NOW.
THUMP
THUNDER BREATHING:
FIRST FORM
HHOWOO
SHK


GET HIM!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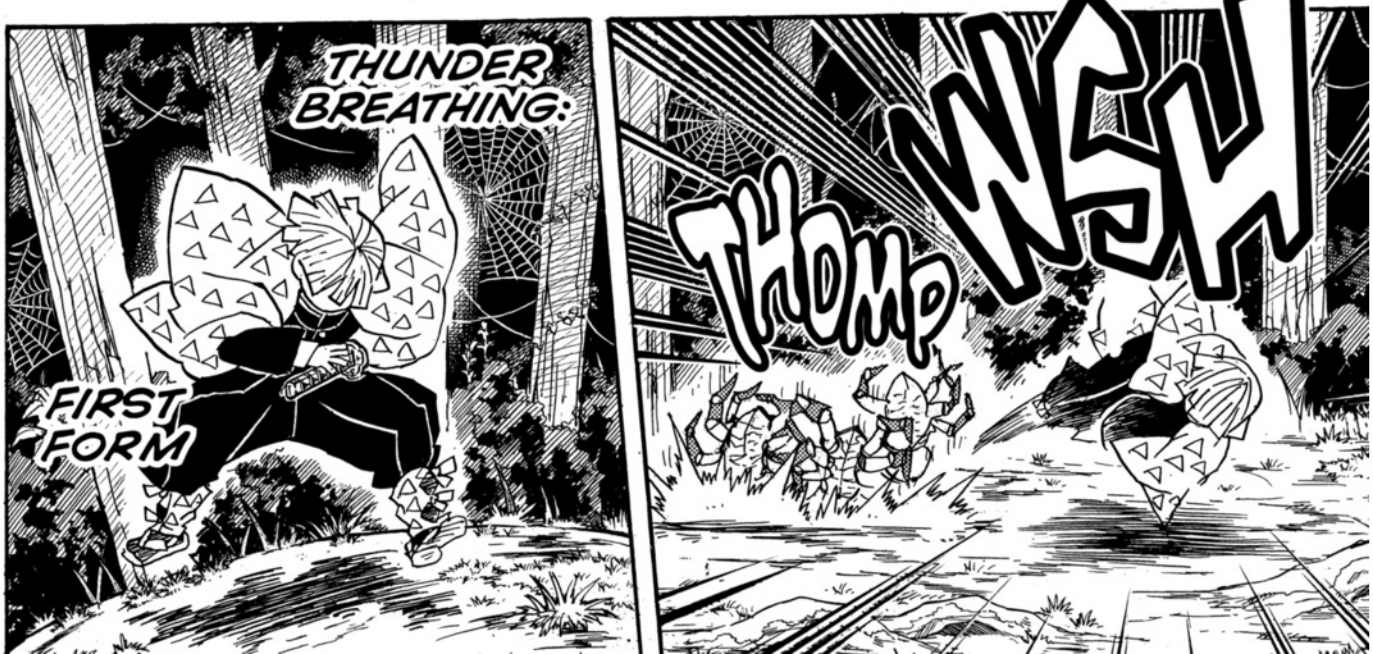
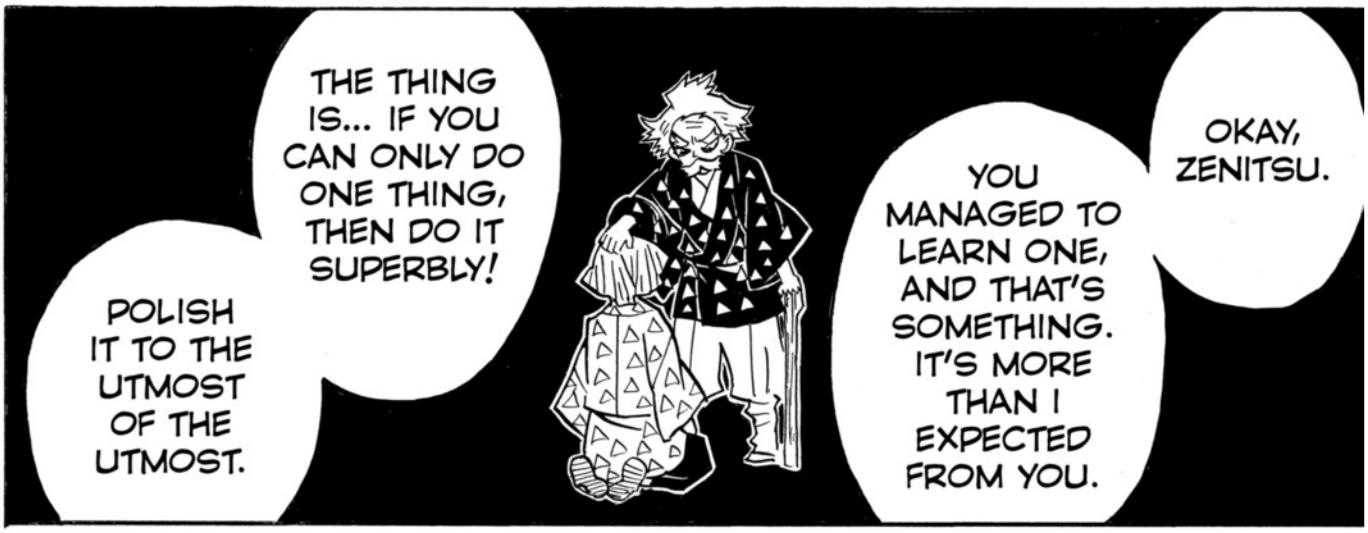
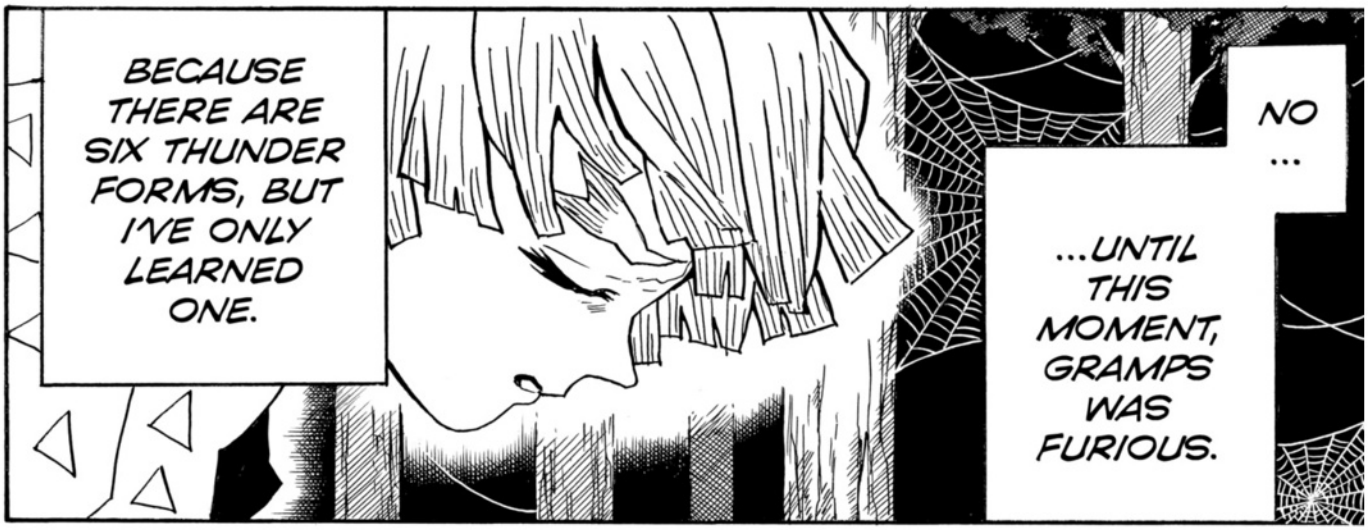
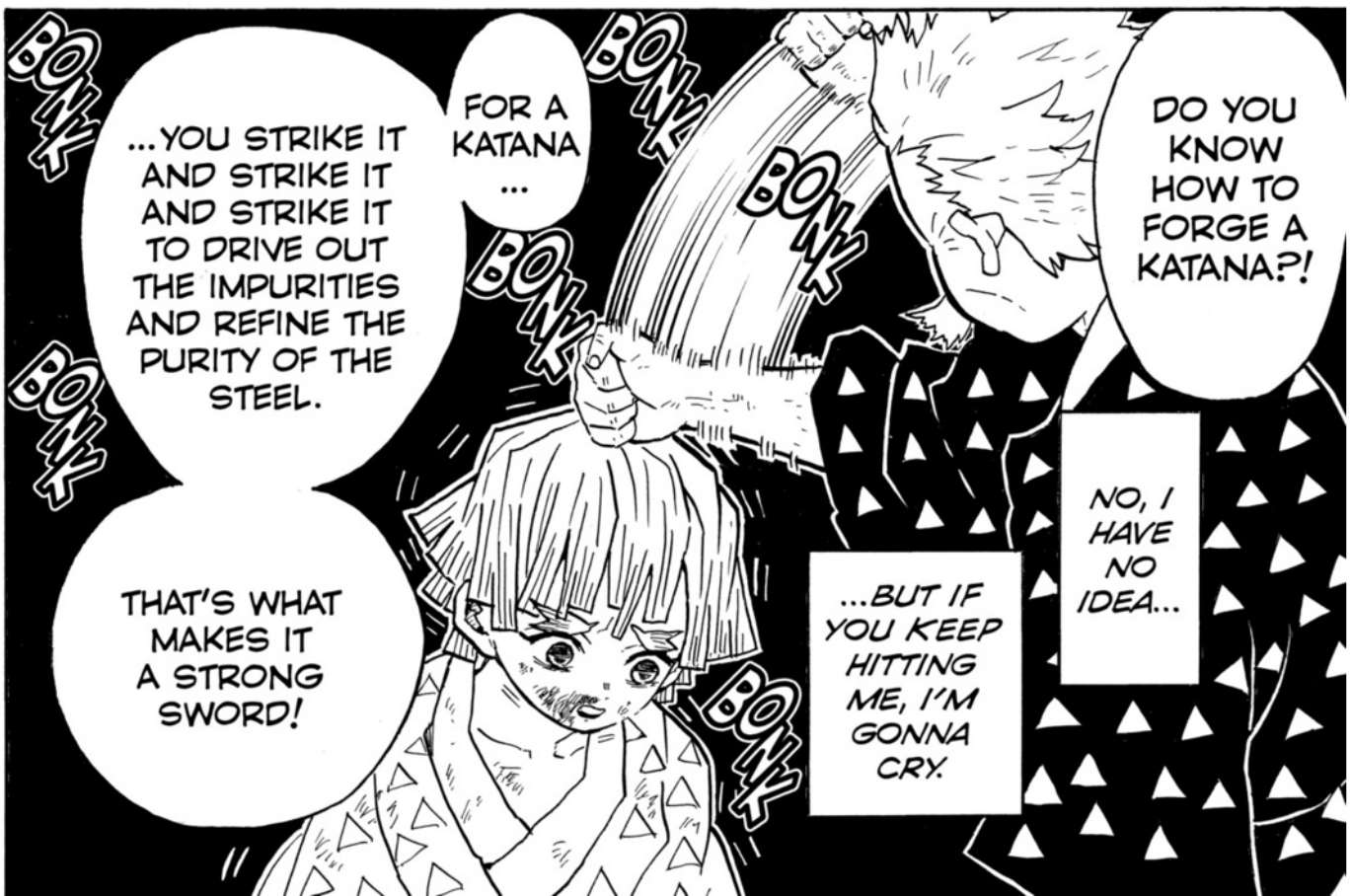
WSH


THUNDER BREATHING:
FIRST FORM
THOMP
WSH

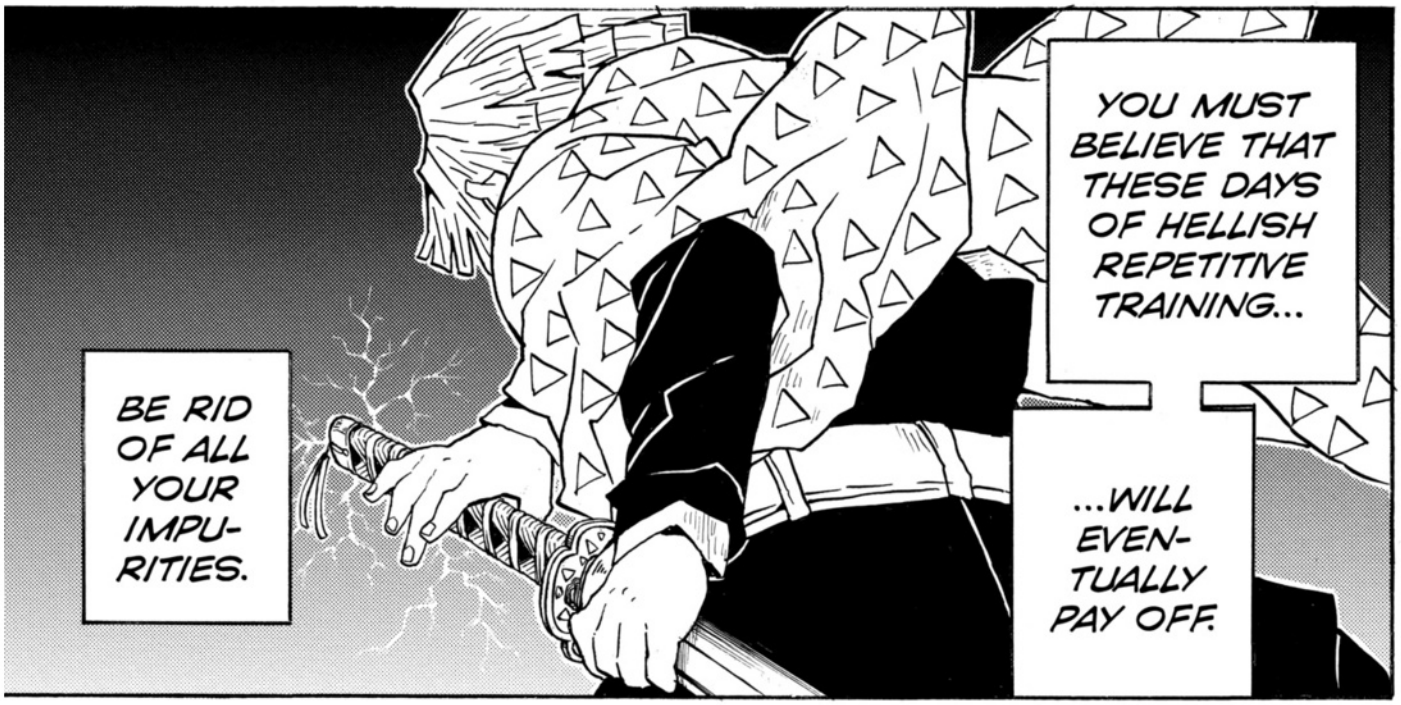
SLT
SOFT
HA HA! OBVIOUSLY...
HE STRIKES THE EXACT SAME POSE EVERY TIME!
...HE ONLY KNOWS ONE TECHNIQUE!


OKAY, ZENITSU.
YOU MANAGED TO LEARN ONE, AND THAT'S SOMETHING. IT'S MORE THAN I EXPECTED FROM YOU.
THE THING IS... IF YOU CAN ONLY DO ONE THING, THEN DO IT SUPERBLY!
POLISH IT TO THE UTMOST OF THE UTMOST.


NO ...
...UNTIL THIS MOMENT, GRAMPS WAS FURIOUS.
BECAUSE THERE ARE SIX THUNDER FORMS, BUT I'VE ONLY LEARNED ONE.


DO YOU KNOW HOW TO FORGE A KATANA?!
NO, I HAVE NO IDEA...
...BUT IF YOU KEEP HITTING ME, I'M GONNA CRY.
FOR A KATANA ...
...YOU STRIKE IT AND STRIKE IT AND STRIKE IT TO DRIVE OUT THE IMPURITIES AND REFINE THE PURITY OF THE STEEL.
THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT A STRONG SWORD!
BONK
BONK
BONK
BONK
BONK
BONK

MASTER IT, ZENIT-SU!
YOU MAY CRY AND YOU MAY RUN...
...BUT NEVER GIVE UP.
HEH HEH HEH...
THIS FOOL IS NO-THING!
IF THAT'S ALL THIS DEMON SLAYER HAS, THEN HE'LL SOON FALL...
...TO THE POISON IN HIS BLOOD.
IS THAT WHY HE HIT ME EVERY DAY?
BUT I'M NOT STEEL... I'M FLESH AND BLOOD.


YOU MUST BELIEVE THAT THESE DAYS OF HELLISH REPETITIVE TRAINING...
...WILL EVEN-TUALLY PAY OFF.
BE RID OF ALL YOUR IMPU-RITIES.

BECOME A BLADE...
...THAT'S STRONG-ER THAN ANYONE!

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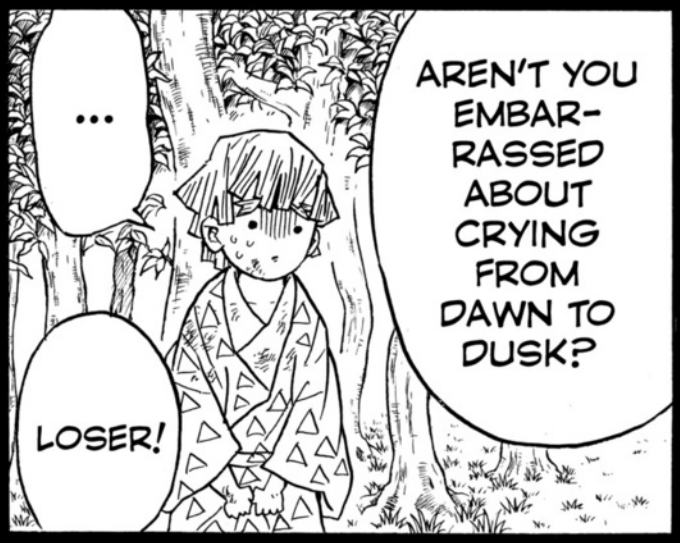
YOU MUST MASTER ...
...A SINGLE THING.
SPIN
KR KL
SPLAT WSH

WSH
WSH
WSH
MY HANDS AND FEET ARE TIN-GLING.
I'M IN PAIN.
THE POISON IS WORK-ING.
NOW, THE PAIN WILL INCREASE...
TIK
I'M SLOWING DOWN.
TMP
...AND I'LL BE NAUSEOUS AND DIZZY.

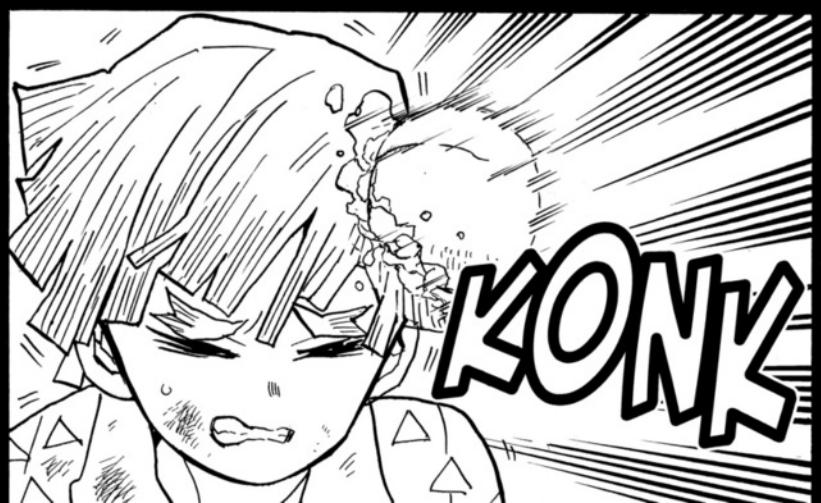
GET LOST.

YOU HEAR ME, RIGHT?


AREN'T YOU EMBAR-RASSED ABOUT CRYING FROM DAWN TO DUSK?
...
LOSER!

I'M NOT WASTING MY TIME ON SOMEONE LIKE YOU.
SENSEI IS A GREAT MAN.

BUT GRAMPS—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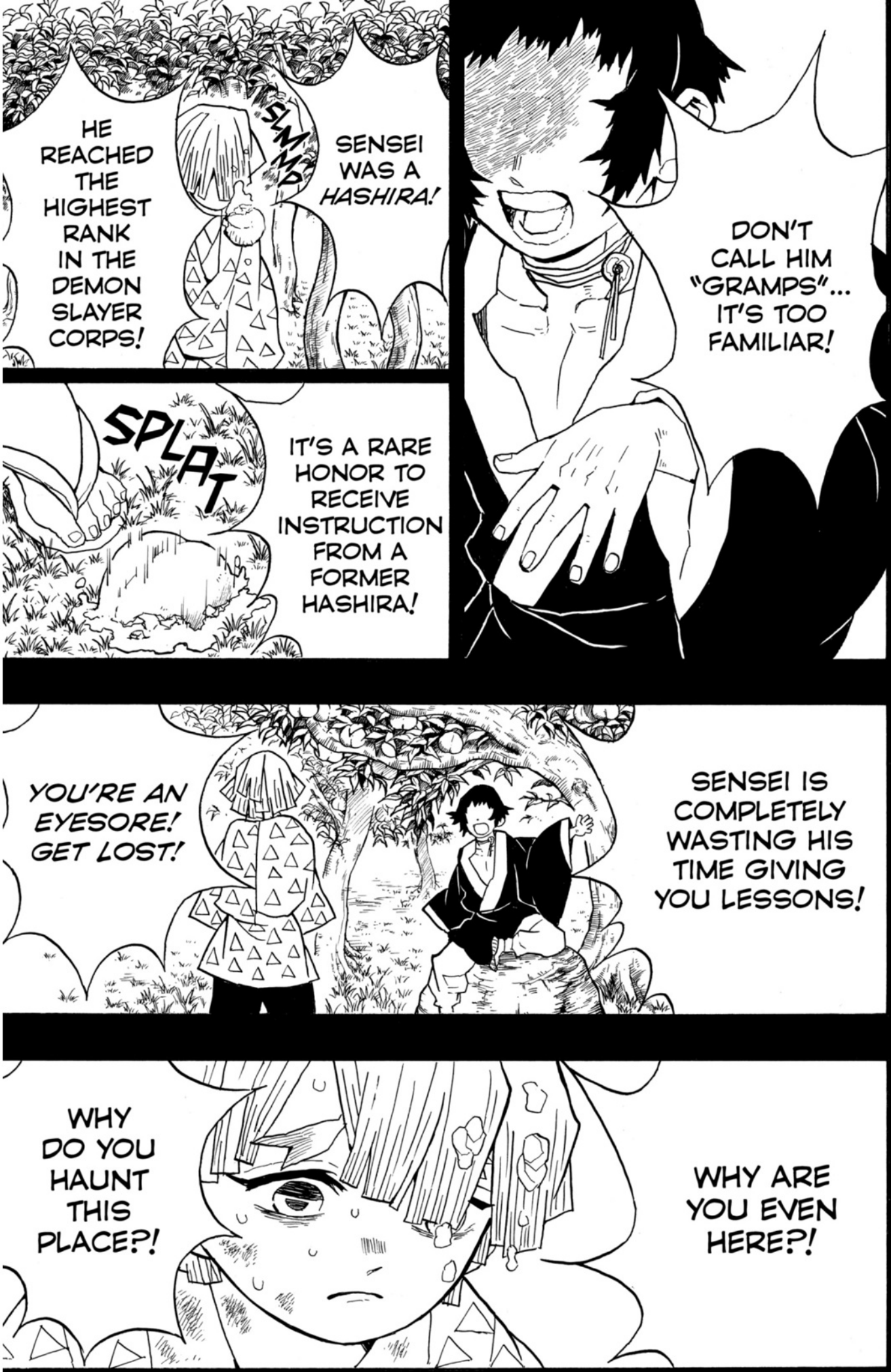
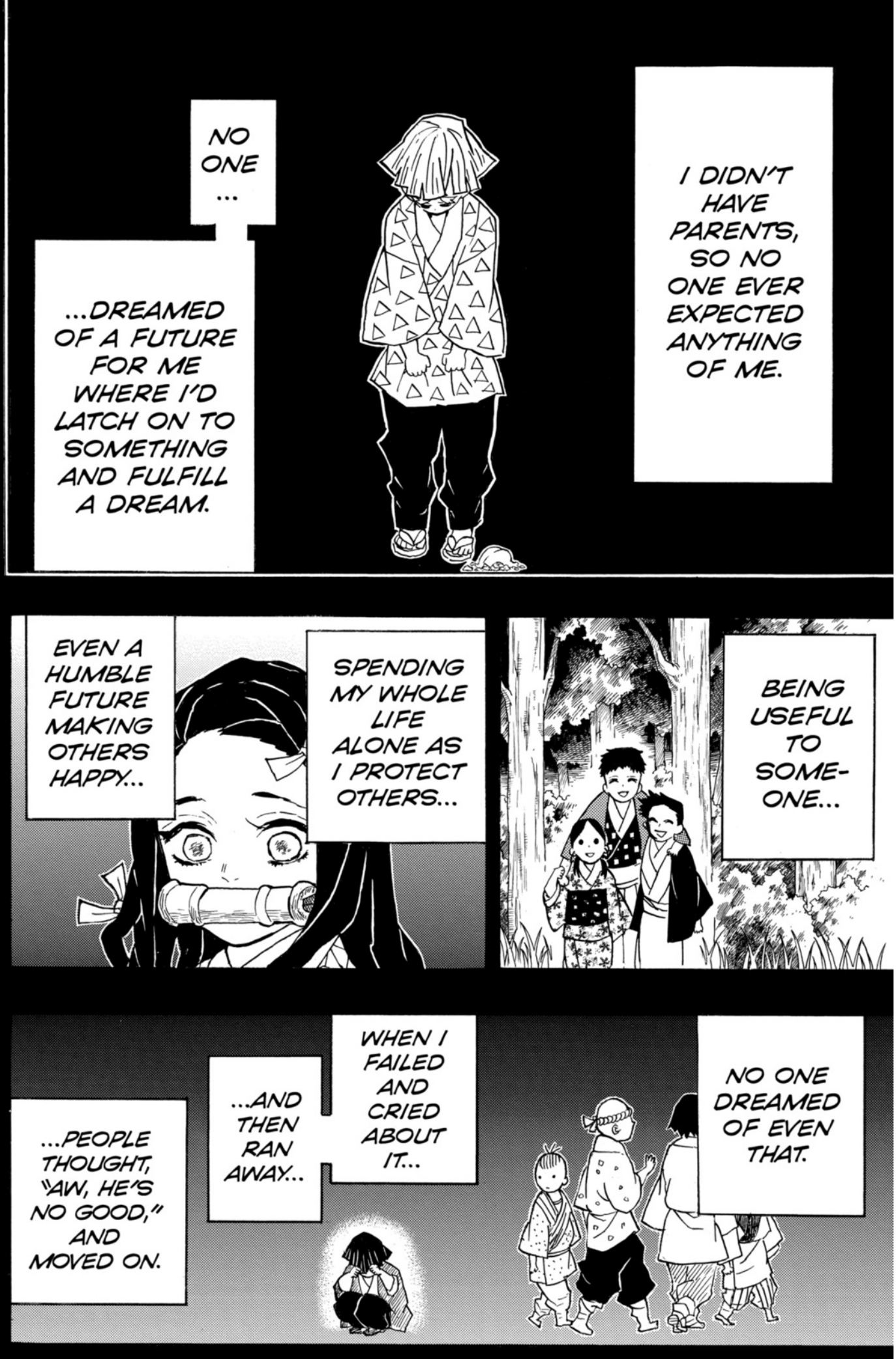
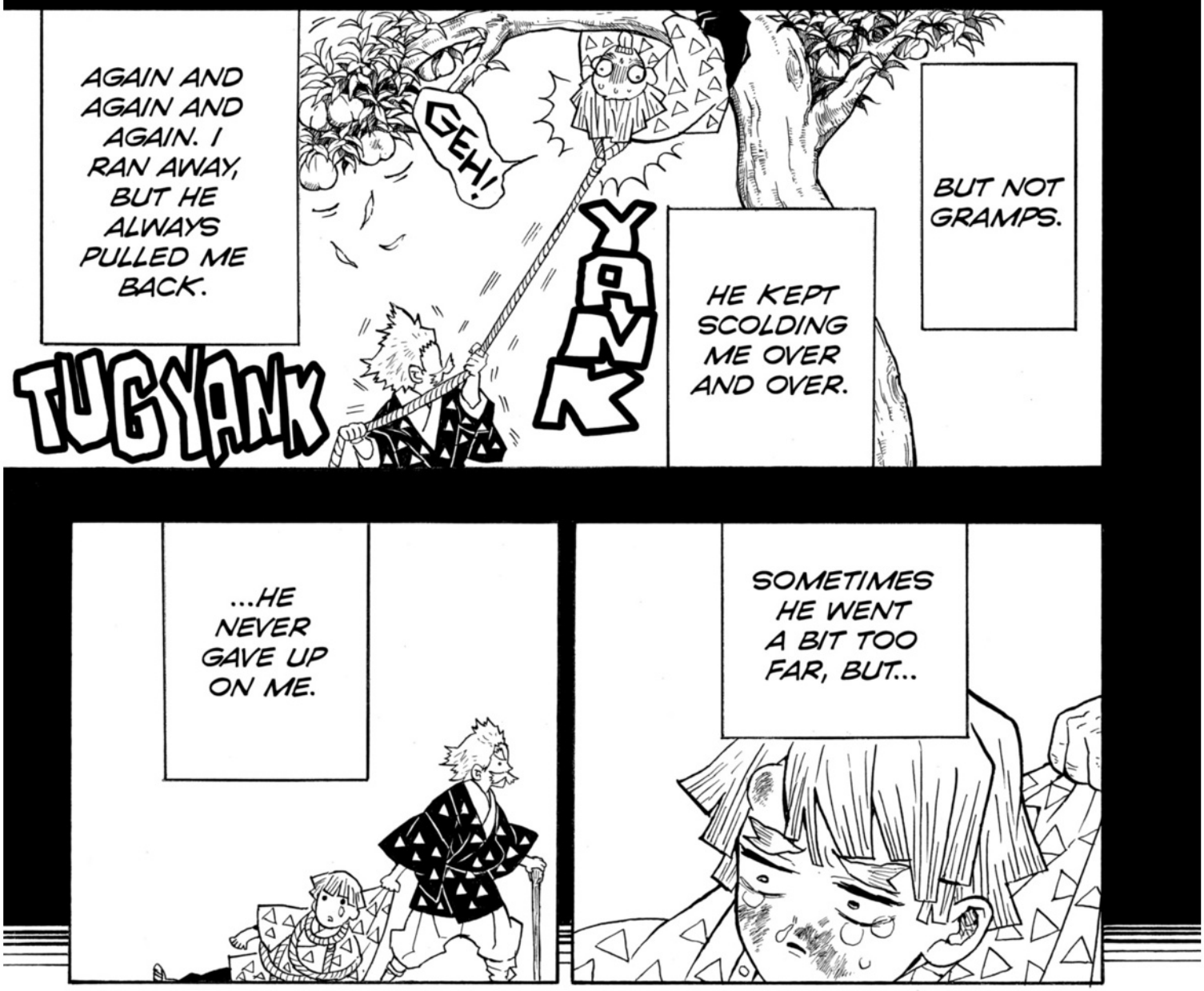
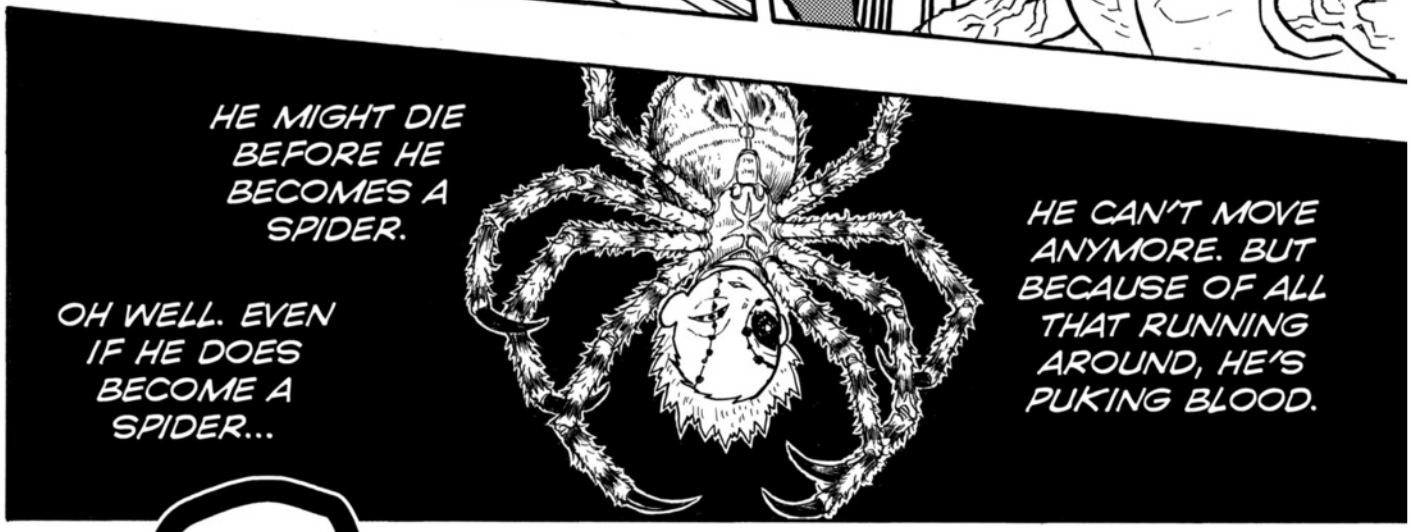

HE REACHED THE HIGHEST RANK IN THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS!
SLMMD
SENSEI WAS A HASHIRA!
DON'T CALL HIM "GRAMPS"... IT'S TOO FAMILIAR!
SPLAT
IT'S A RARE HONOR TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTION FROM A FORMER HASHIRA!
YOU'RE AN EYESORE! GET LOST!
SENSEI IS COMPLETELY WASTING HIS TIME GIVING YOU LESSONS!
WHY DO YOU HAUNT THIS PLACE?!
WHY ARE YOU EVEN HERE?!

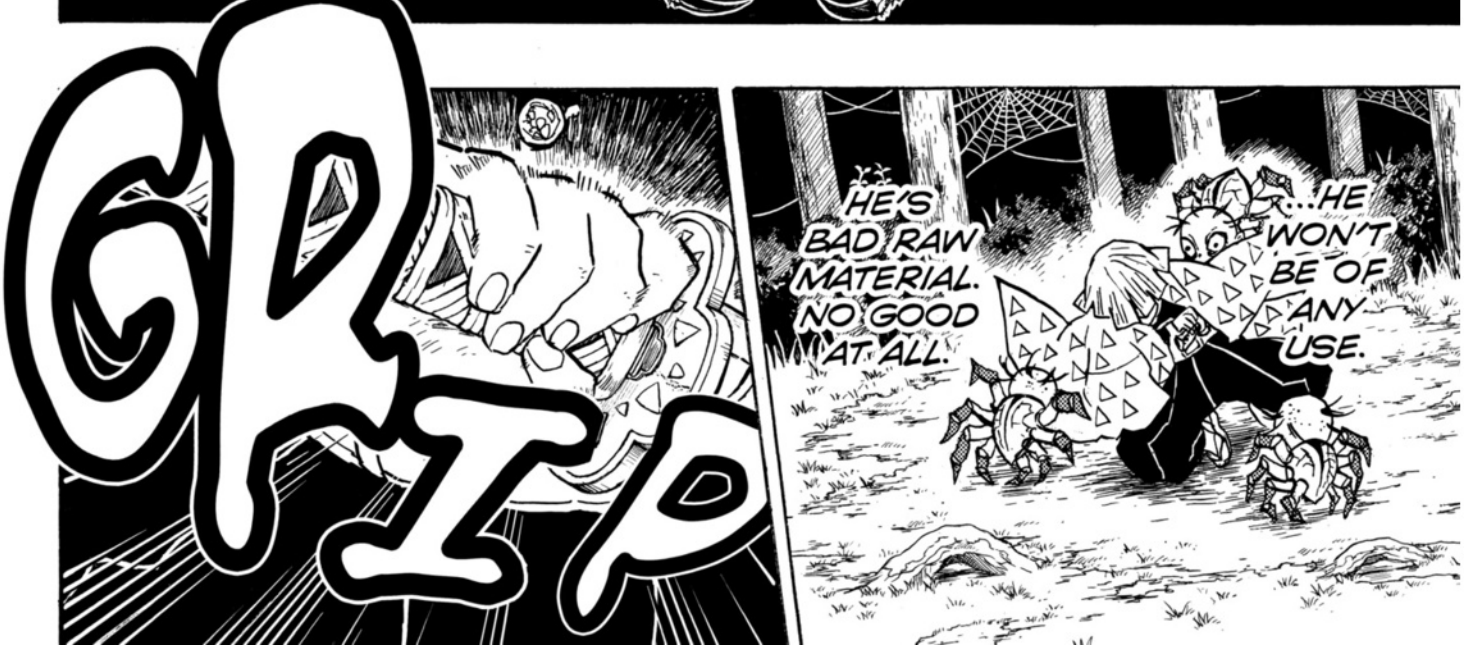

I DIDN'T HAVE PARENTS, SO NO ONE EVER EXPECTED ANYTHING OF ME.
NO ONE ...
...DREAMED OF A FUTURE FOR ME WHERE I'D LATCH ON TO SOMETHING AND FULFILL A DREAM.
BEING USEFUL TO SOME-ONE...
SPENDING MY WHOLE LIFE ALONE AS I PROTECT OTHERS...
EVEN A HUMBLE FUTURE MAKING OTHERS HAPPY...
NO ONE DREAMED OF EVEN THAT.
WHEN I FAILED AND CRIED ABOUT IT...
...AND THEN RAN AWAY...
...PEOPLE THOUGHT, "AW, HE'S NO GOOD," AND MOVED ON.


AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN. I RAN AWAY, BUT HE ALWAYS PULLED ME BACK.
TUG YANK
GEH!
YANK
HE KEPT SCOLDING ME OVER AND OVER.
BUT NOT GRAMPS.
...HE NEVER GAVE UP ON ME.
SOMETIMES HE WENT A BIT TOO FAR, BUT...

STAB HIM! INJECT MORE POISON!

THK
THK
THK
SHING
KOFF


HE MIGHT DIE BEFORE HE BECOMES A SPIDER.
OH WELL. EVEN IF HE DOES BECOME A SPIDER...
HE CAN'T MOVE ANYMORE. BUT BECAUSE OF ALL THAT RUNNING AROUND, HE'S PUKING BLOOD.


GHP
HE'S BAD RAW MATERIAL. NO GOOD AT ALL.
...HE WON'T BE OF ANY USE.

VWM
VWM
THE VERY AIR IS VIBRATING!
WHAT ....?!
FLOP
VWM
!!
VWM
VWM
VWM
THUNDER-FLASH
THUNDER BREATHING: FIRST FORM.
SIXFOLD!
SPEW
TNG
SPEW

BAM
BAM
BAM
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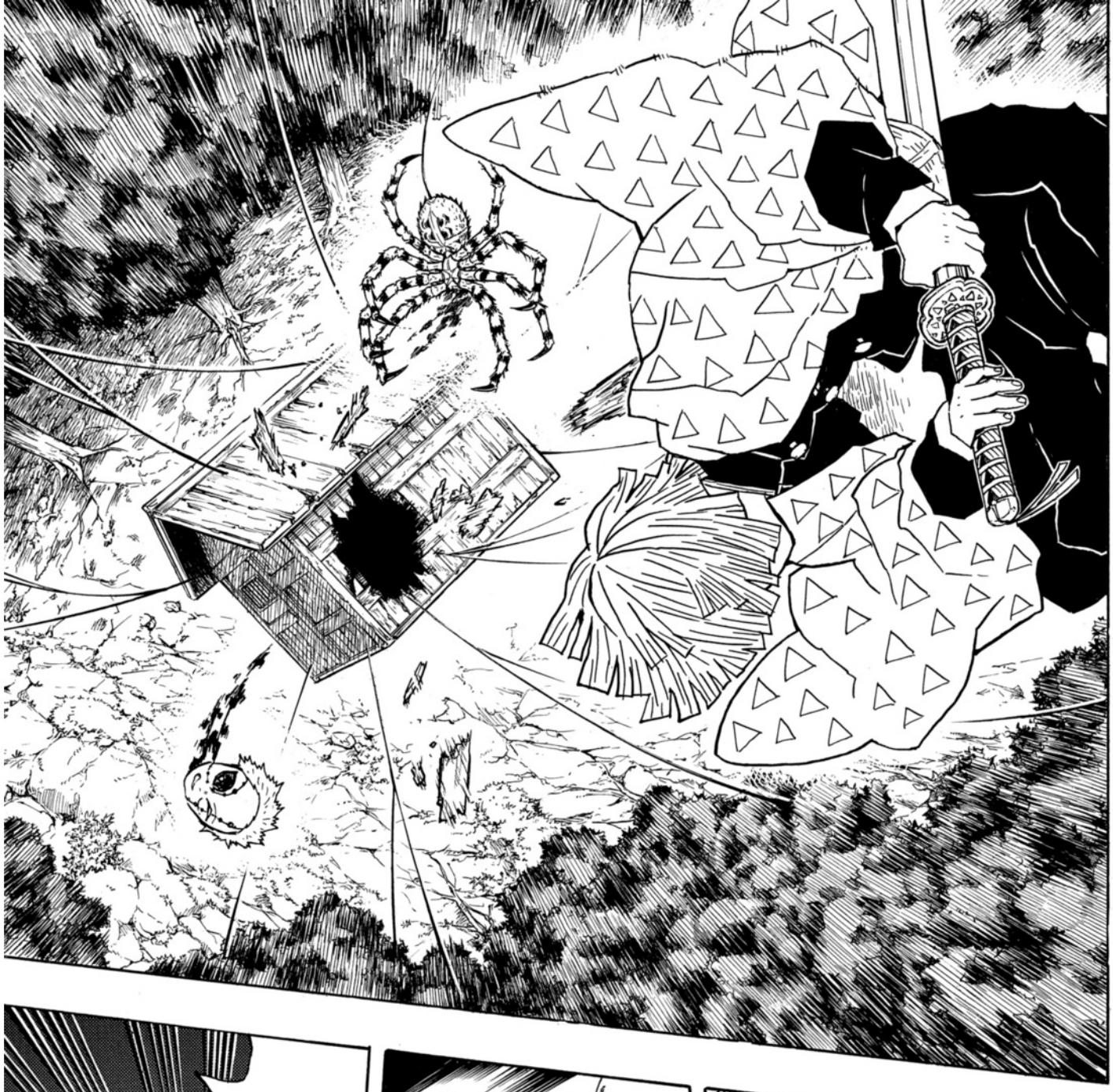
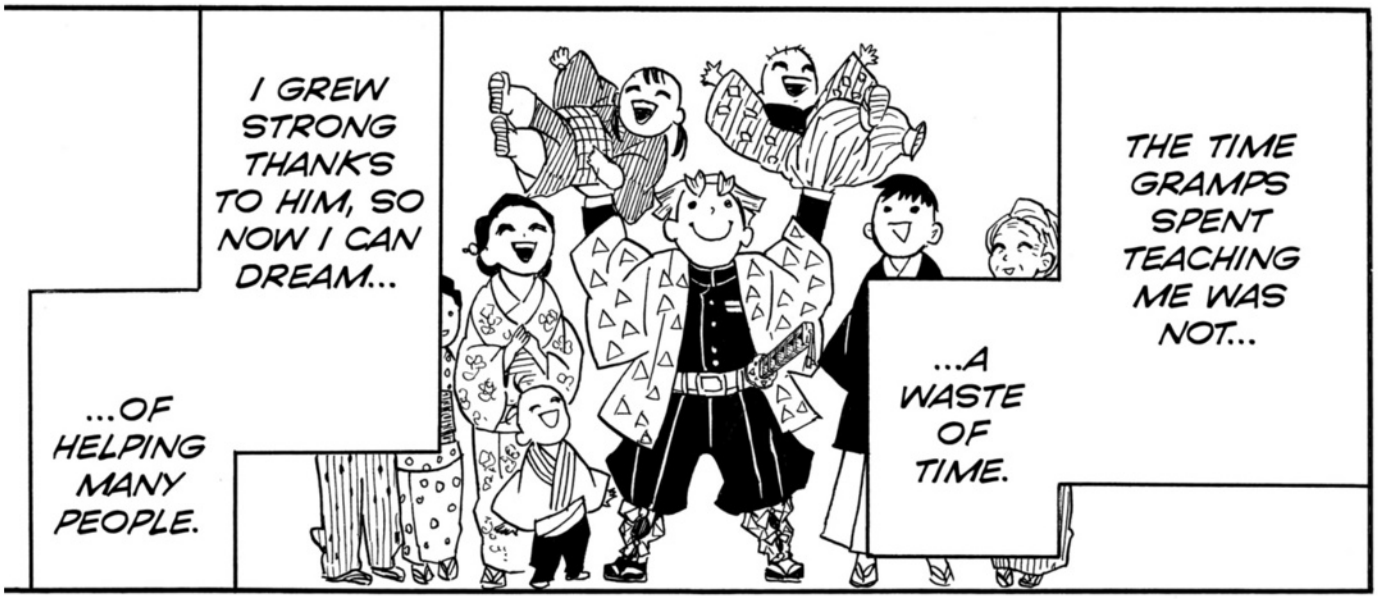


?!
...?!
...BY HIM?!
?!
?!
WAS I CUT? ME? CUT...

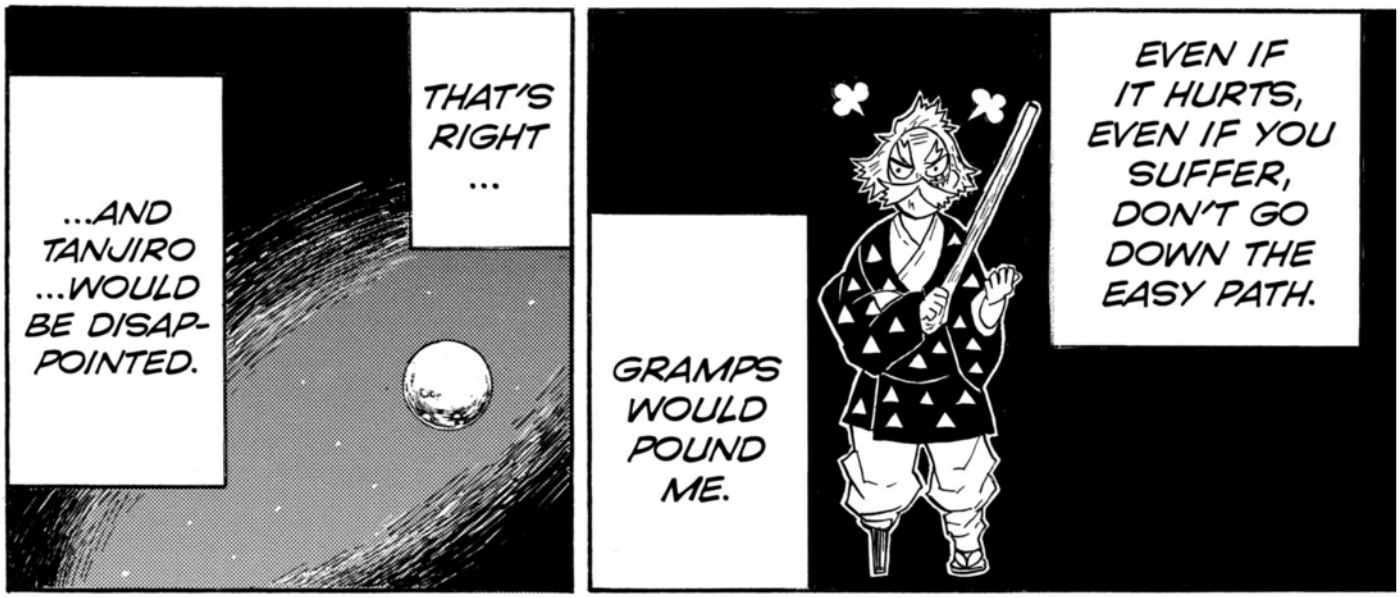
THWAK
THUD
WHAM
KAHH
TIME TO DREAM.

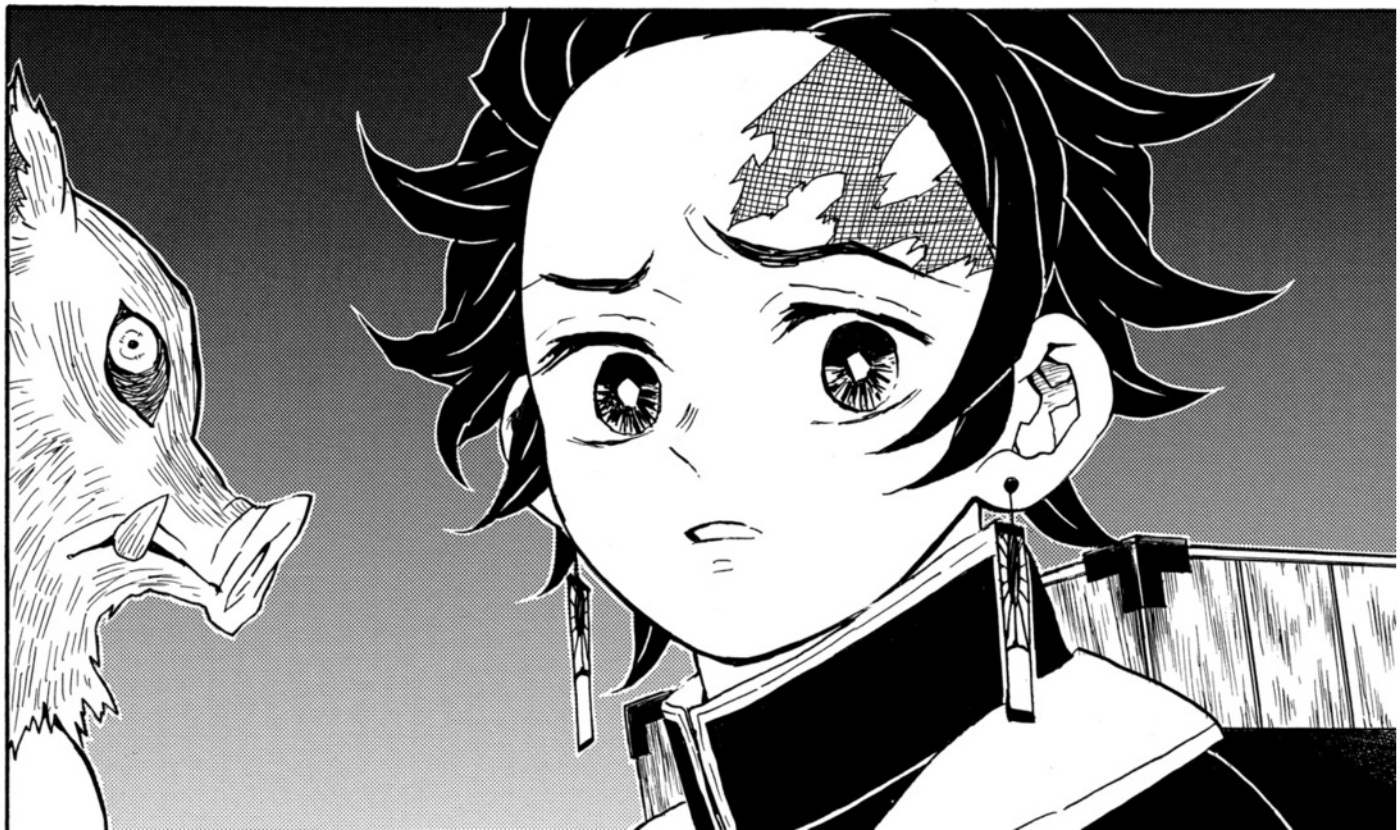
I ALWAYS HELP WEAK PEOPLE AND THOSE IN TROUBLE.
A HAPPY DREAM.
I'M STRONG.
STRONGER THAN ANYONE.


I GREW STRONG THANKS TO HIM, SO NOW I CAN DREAM...
...OF HELPING MANY PEOPLE.
THE TIME GRAMPS SPENT TEACHING ME WAS NOT...
...A WASTE OF TIME.

DON'T GIVE UP!
... I'M ... DONE FOR.
NOW...

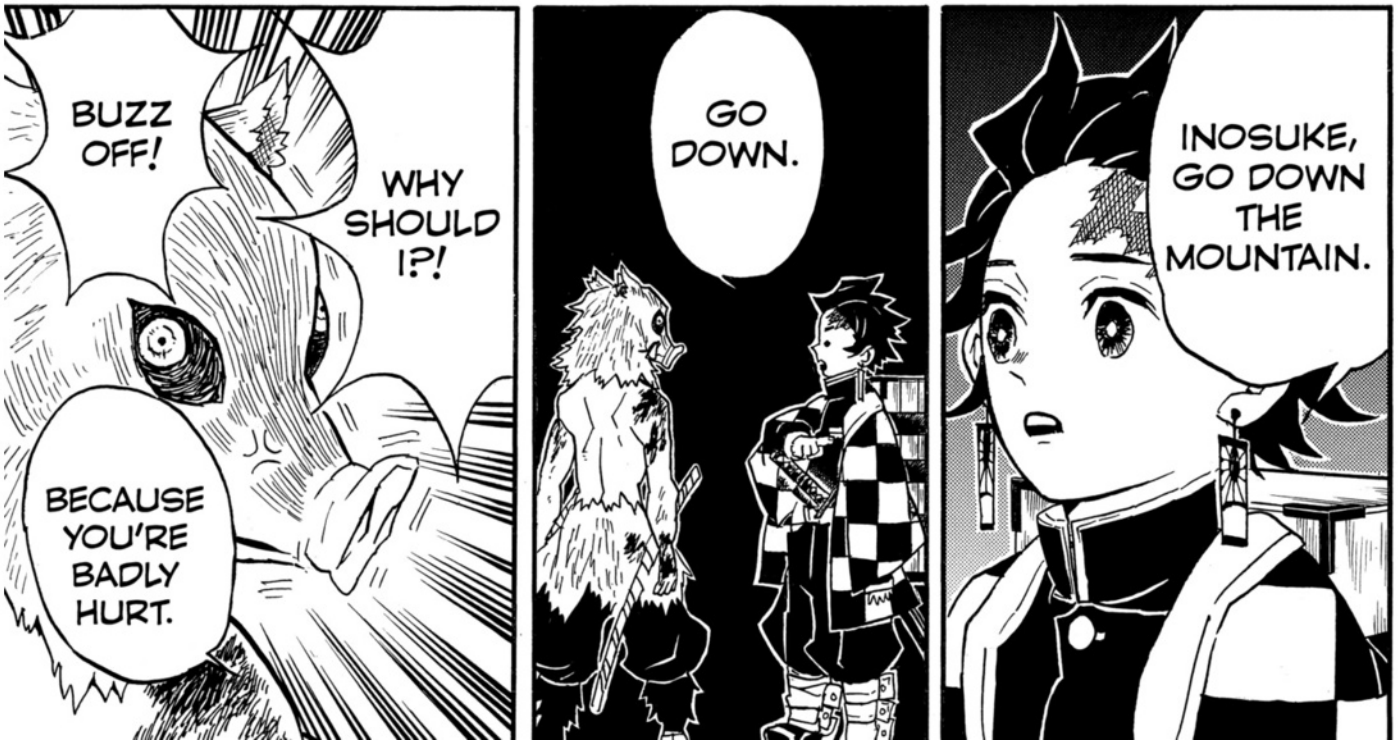
FWOOO
SLOW YOUR HEART RATE.
SLOW DOWN THE POISON EVEN JUST A LITTLE.
USE YOUR BREATH-ING.

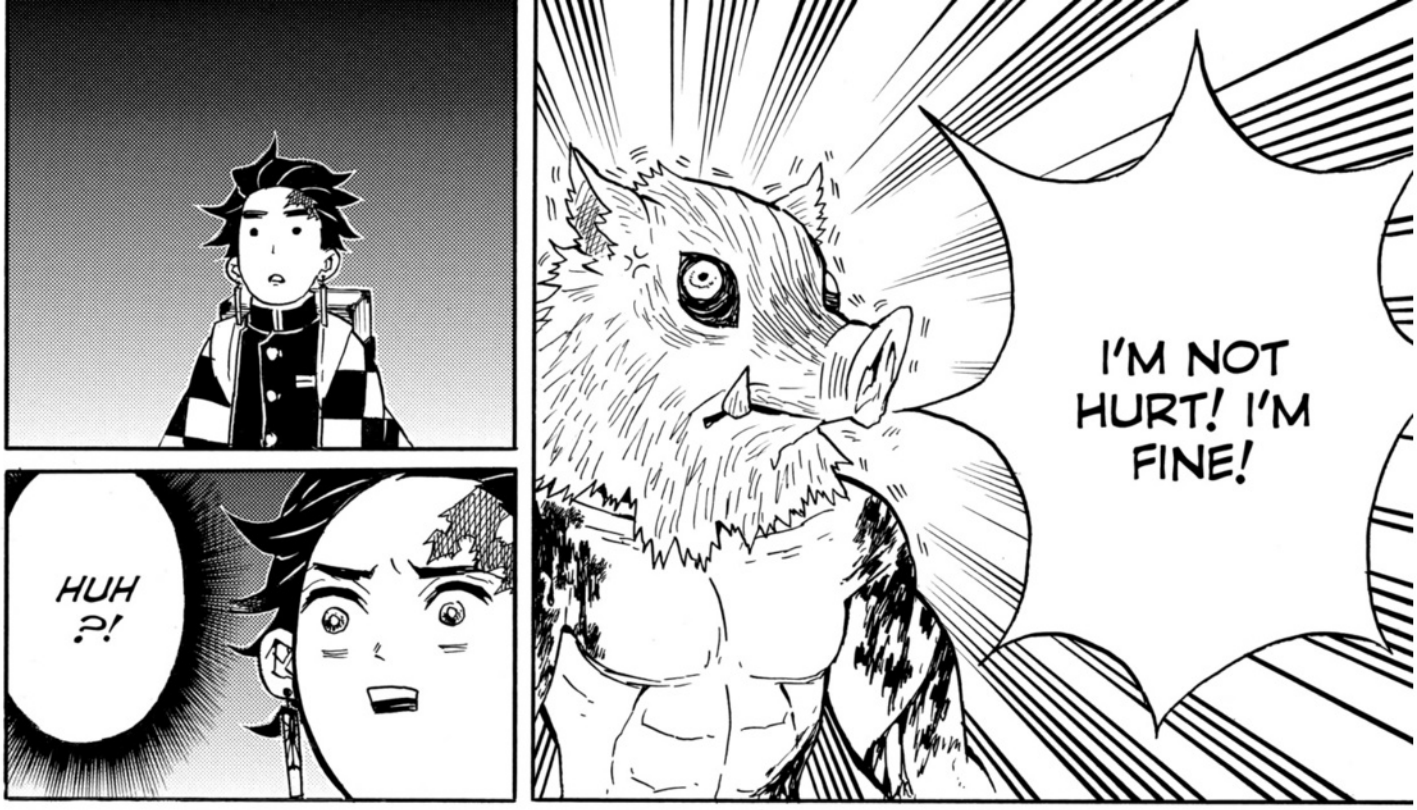

EVEN IF IT HURTS, EVEN IF YOU SUFFER, DON'T GO DOWN THE EASY PATH.
GRAMPS WOULD POUND ME.
THAT'S RIGHT ...
...AND TANJIRO ...WOULD BE DISAP-POINTED.

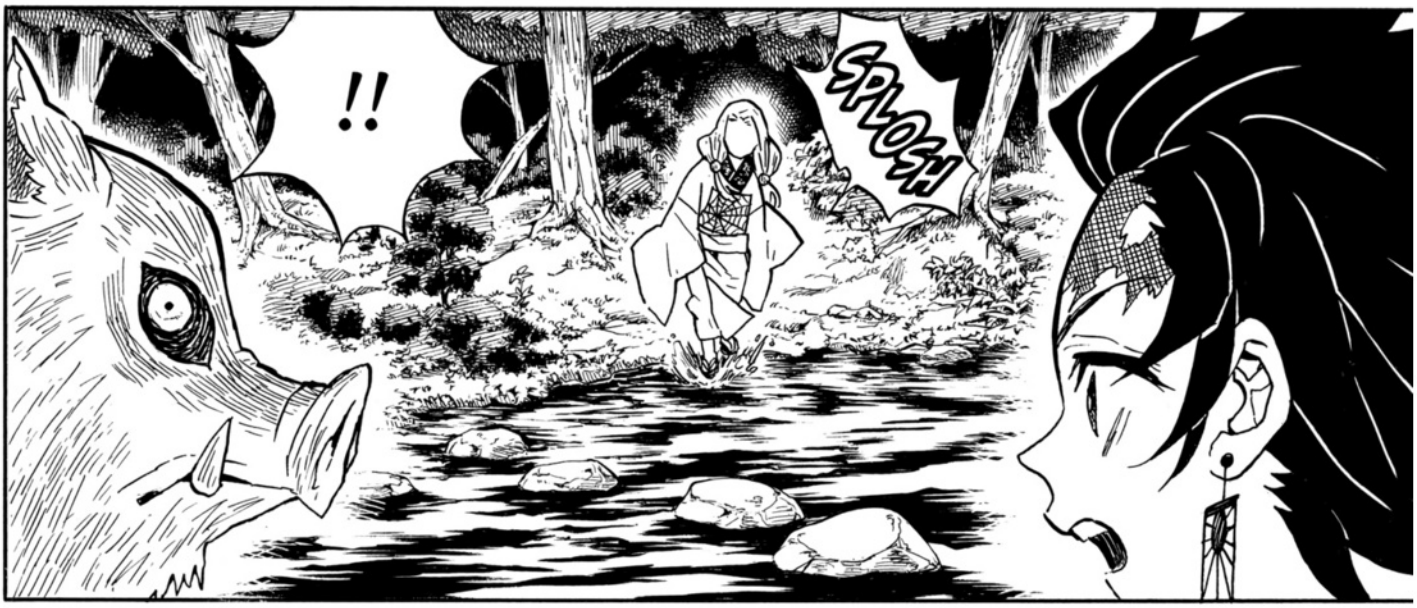


THAT SOUND... DID LIGHTNING JUST STRIKE?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?!
I DON'T THINK I SMELL THUNDER-CLOUDS. BUT THAT AWFUL SMELL...
...IS SO STRONG I CAN'T TELL.
INO-SUKE ...
HRAAAH?!

I THINK I'M GOING TO TAKE A LOOK OVER THERE.
DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!


INOSUKE, GO DOWN THE MOUNTAIN.
GO DOWN.
WHY SHOULD I?!
BUZZ OFF!
BECAUSE YOU'RE BADLY HURT.


I'M NOT HURT! I'M FINE!
HUH ?!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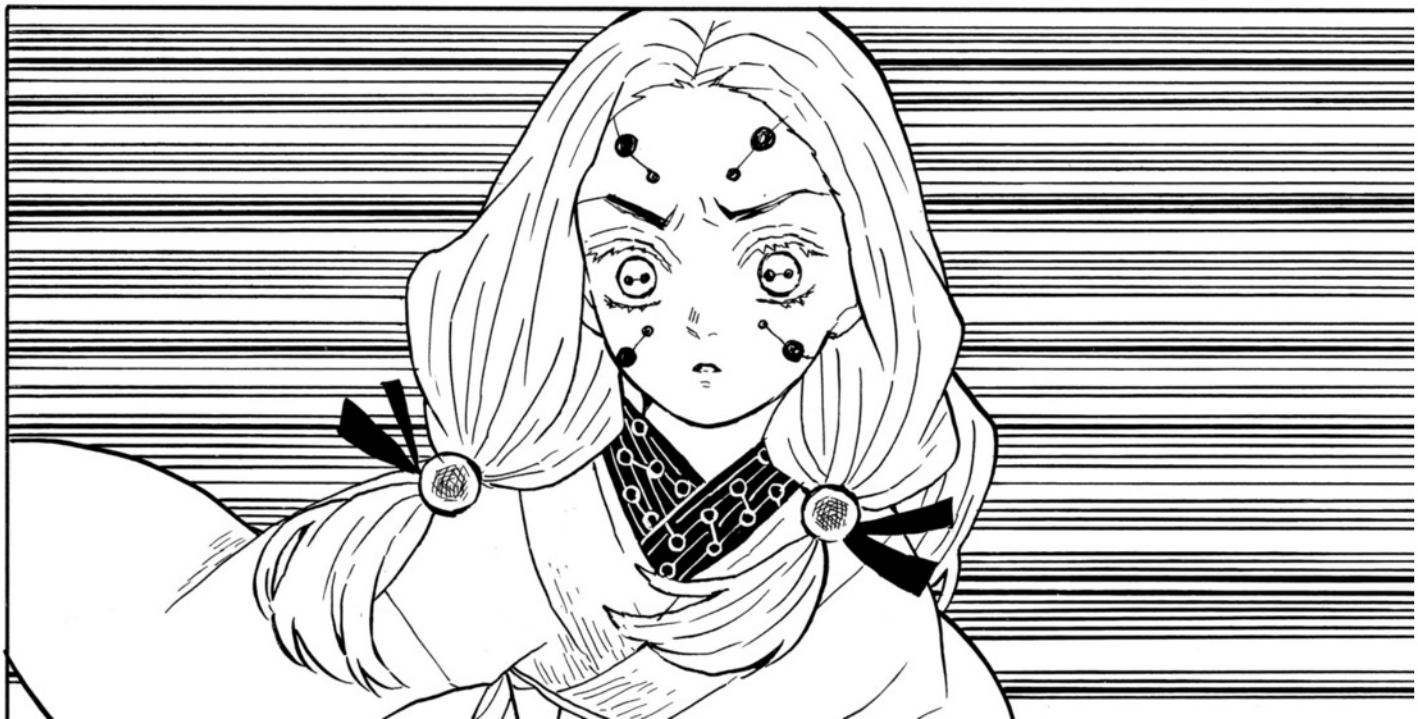
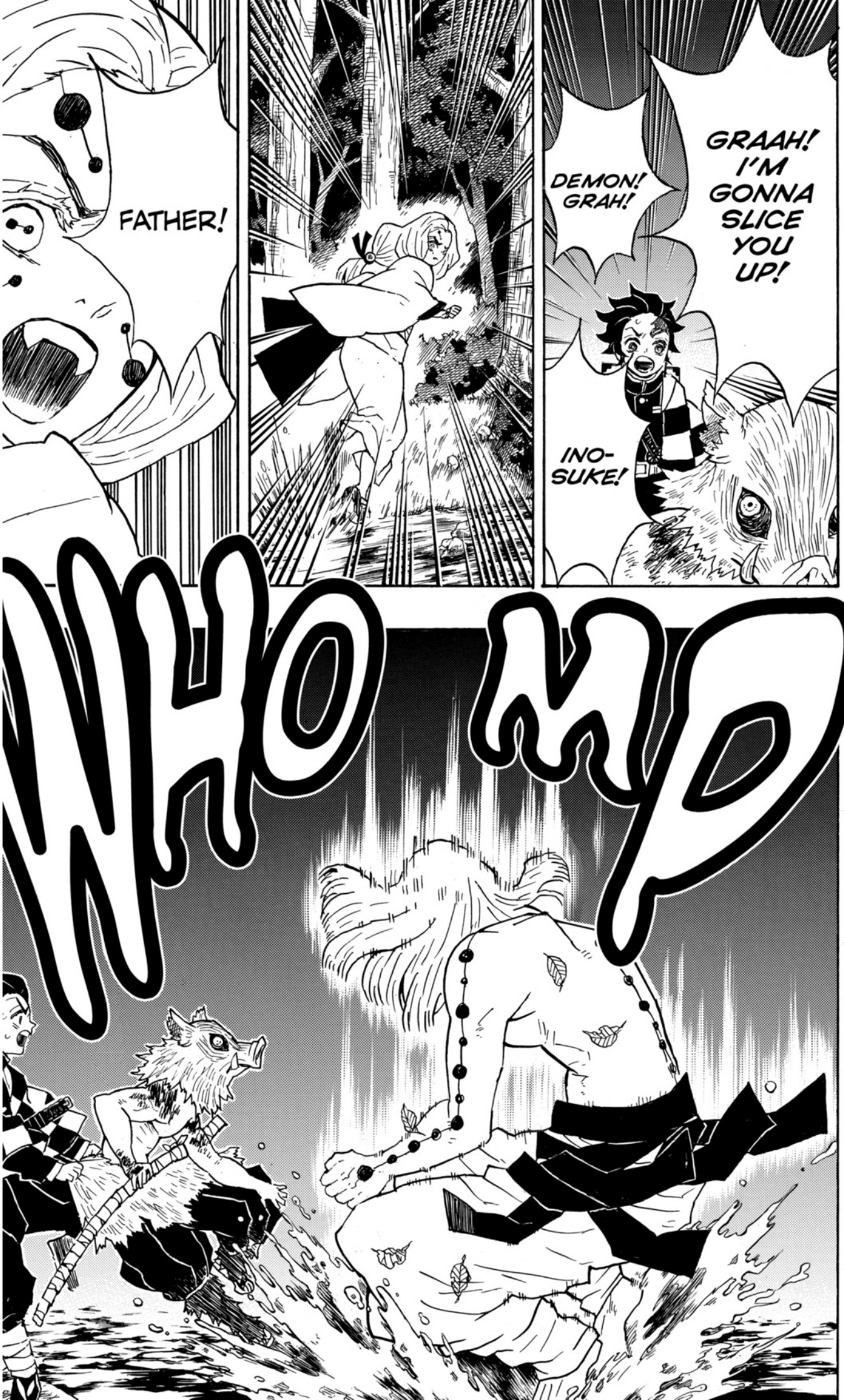
SPLOSH




FATHER!
DEMON! GRAH!
GRAAH! I'M GONNA SLICE YOU UP!
INO-SUKE!
WHOMP

FROM ABOVE ?!
GWAA

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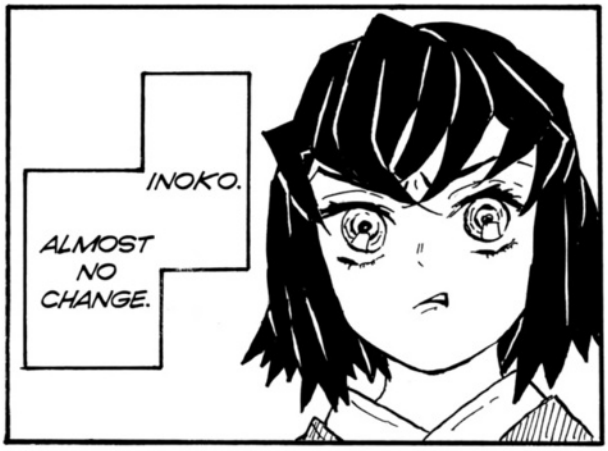
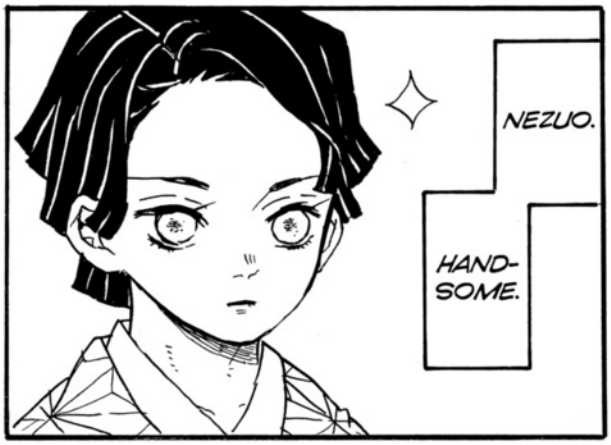
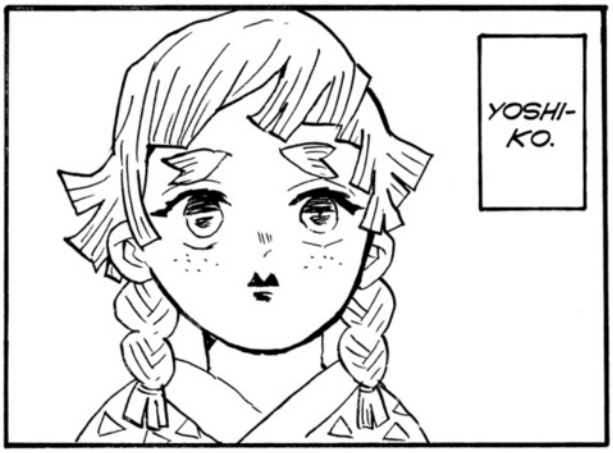
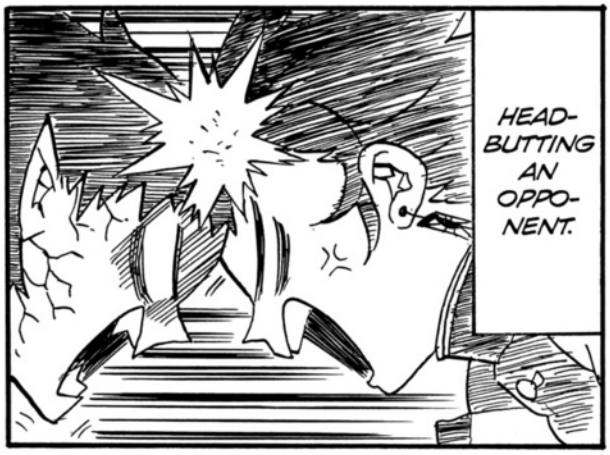
GENDER BENDING

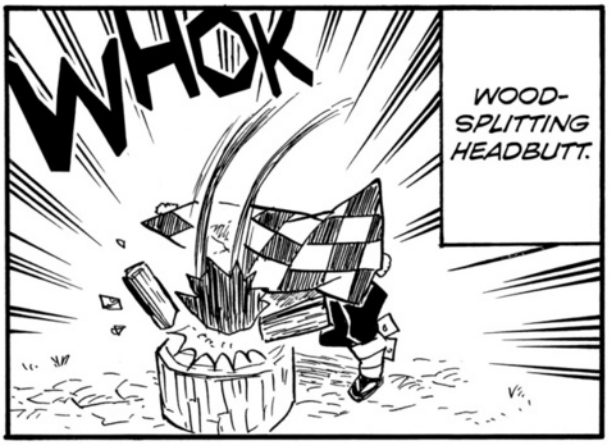


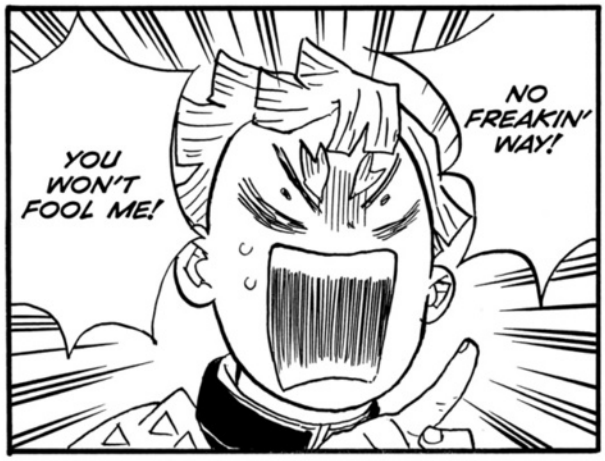




STEEL HEAD







THE END

Apology

Before Inosuke showed his true face in the regular storyline, I made a huge mistake by showing it in a comic strip in Jump GIGA, so I'd like to take this opportunity to apologize.

I've made many other mistakes, and all kinds of people are pointing them out. I intend to make as many corrections as possible, but I'm under strict time constraints and so I make mistakes (which I think bothers the readers).

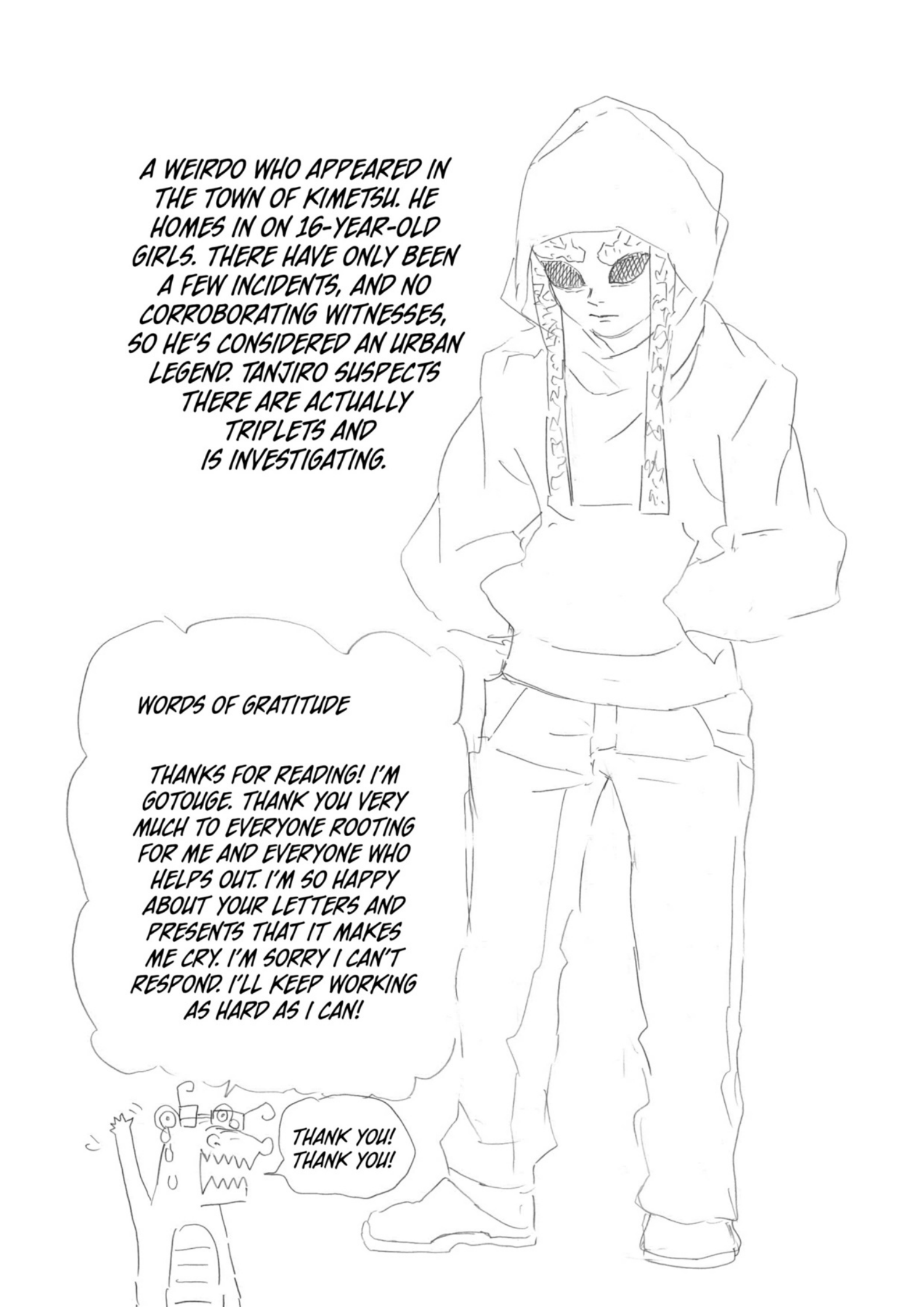
I'll keep working as hard as I can, so I hope you'll stick with me!

We humbly beg your forgiveness.

Junior High and High School!
Kimetsu Academy Story

INOSUKE IS A BOY WHO WAS RAISED BY WILD BOARS AND EVEN GAINED SOME FAME THANKS TO TELEVISION NEWS REPORTS. CURRENTLY, HE LIVES IN A FOSTER HOME. THE ONLY THING HE BRINGS TO SCHOOL IS HIS LUNCH BOX. HE STILL DOESN'T WEAR SHOES. AND HE WEARS SHORT SLEEVES ALL YEAR.

HISA. GOOD AT COOKING TEMPURA. INOSUKE'S FOSTER MOTHER. WHEN SHE DOESN'T WANT TO KNOW SOMETHING, SHE PRETENDS THAT HER HEARING IS BAD.


A WEIRDO WHO APPEARED IN THE TOWN OF KIMETSU. HE HOMES IN ON 16-YEAR-OLD GIRLS. THERE HAVE ONLY BEEN A FEW INCIDENTS, AND NO CORROBORATING WITNESSES, SO HE'S CONSIDERED AN URBAN LEGEND. TANJIRO SUSPECTS THERE ARE ACTUALLY TRIPLETS AND IS INVESTIGATING.
WORDS OF GRATITUDE
THANKS FOR READING! I'M GOTOUGE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO EVERYONE ROOTING FOR ME AND EVERYONE WHO HELPS OUT. I'M SO HAPPY ABOUT YOUR LETTERS AND PRESENTS THAT IT MAKES ME CRY. I'M SORRY I CAN'T RESPOND. I'LL KEEP WORKING AS HARD AS I CAN!
THANK YOU! THANK YOU!